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Parent help when hearing your child read; Reading is more than hearing it's about discussing and understanding: Here is some information to help you.

Types of Comprehension Questions to use for 1:1 reading

Context

Who wrote this? Where does it show you?

For whom? How do you know?

What is their purpose? How do you know?

What genre is it?

Even non-fiction can be objective or subjective. Why is it set out like this?

Literal

The answer is right there, in front of you, in the text

- Read the sentence - is there more evidence?
- Which word/ phrase is the exact answer?

Inferential

You need to be a detective, searching for clues, building up a picture of the plot, characters and meaning. Read more than just the sentence

- Are there words or clues elsewhere in the text?
- Which is the 'give away' word/phrase?

Vocabulary

What do words actually mean, in the context of the passage?

- Why did the author choose this and not another word?
- What other word could be as effective?
- Can you think of an antonym/synonym?

Remember:

IMAGINE the scene and characters right in front of you. Bring them to life in your head.

Get INTERESTED in the comprehension of the subject. Imagine you're about to do a 'project' on it

THINK AHEAD about what will happen next in a fiction passage.

WORK OUT what new words mean in the context FIRST read around the word have a guess - does it fit with text? If you struggle USE a DICTIONARY