



Building Comprehension at Home

The most important factor in your child's academic growth is the amount of time they spend reading. At least 20 minutes a night is recommended to see academic gains. Ask these questions as you read or are talking with your child about books they're reading at home.

Fiction

- What genre is the text? How do you know?
- Who is the central character?
- What is the main character like? (Describe his/her key qualities or personality traits).
- What text evidence supports your answer?
- Where and when does the story take place?
- How does the setting impact the story?
- What is the major problem that the main character is faced with?
- How does the main character attempt to solve this major problem?
- How is the problem resolved?
- What is the point of view of the text? How do you know?
- What is the theme of the story?
- How could you apply this lesson to your own life?

Nonfiction

- What genre is the text? How do you know?
- What is the central idea? What quotation from the text supports your answer?
- What details support the central idea?
- How did the author organize the text?
- What text features are included in the text? How do they help you understand?
- What's the author's purpose for writing this text?
- What's the author's message to the reader? Do you agree or disagree?
- What other resources could you use to find more information about the topic?