

Questions to Ask Your Student Before, During and After Reading

Before Reading:

Question	Strategy Addressed
<p><i>At beginning of new book:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think this book will be about? Why do you think that? • What characters do you think might be in this story? 	Predicting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you know about the topic of this book? (Have you ever been camping/ seen a ghost/been to a farm, etc) • Does the topic of this book remind you of anything you know or have done? 	Connecting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What questions would you like to ask the author before you read this book? • What are you wondering about as you look at the cover and back of your book? 	Questioning
<p><i>If continuing a book student has been reading:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What has happened so far in this story? 	Summarizing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think will happen next? Why? 	Predicting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What questions would you like to ask the author about this book? • Do you have any questions about what has happened so far? 	Questioning

During Reading:

Question	Strategy Addressed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think will happen next? Why? • How do you think the character will handle this situation? 	Predicting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do you think the character did _____? How do you know? • What must have happened here that the author didn't tell us? • What emotions is the character feeling? How do you know? 	Inferring
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would you have done if you were the character? • Has anything like this ever happened to you? Does it remind you of something? • How would you have felt if that happened to you? • Do you know someone like this character? • How are you like/different than this character? 	Connecting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As you've been reading, what pictures have been in your mind? • If you were in the story, what would you hear, taste, smell or feel? • What does the character/setting look like in your mind? • Tell me what you were imagining in your mind as you read that page/paragraph. 	Visualizing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there anything you're wondering about right now? 	Questioning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you put what you've just read in your own words? • What's happened to this character so far? • Tell me the most important things you read today in order of how they happened. 	Summarizing

During Reading, Cont.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is this making sense to you? • Wait, what's going on here? • Would it help you to understand if you slowed down? • Do you need to reread that part? • What does this word mean? • Where did you stop understanding? How can we fix it? 	Monitoring Comprehension
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you think it will be important to remember this? Why? • What parts of what you read help you predict what will happen next? • Are there some parts of this story that are more important than others? Which ones? Why are they most important? • What's the big idea in what you've read today? 	Determining Importance

After Reading:

Question	Strategy Addressed
<i>At the end of a book:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If this story had a sequel, what do you think it would be about? 	Predicting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the main message of this book? What does the author want you to think about? What was the big idea? 	Inferring
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What questions would you like to ask the author right now? 	Questioning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell me the story in your own words. • Retell the most important events in the story from beginning, middle and end. 	Summarizing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What were the most important events in this story? 	Determining Importance
<i>If continuing a book student has been reading:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarize what you have read today? Retell the most important events in order. • What's happened to this character so far? 	Summarizing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think will happen next? Why? 	Predicting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What questions would you like to ask the author about this book? • Do you have any questions about what has happened so far? 	Questioning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What will be most important for us to remember in what we read today? 	Determining Importance