
Questions Parents Can Ask Their Child About Their Books

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POSSIBLE QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN AT THE START OF A BOOK

- Tell me how you chose this book.
- Have you read any other books by this author? Have you read other books in the series?
- Do you feel this book is “just right”? How do you know?
- What kinds of books do you like to read?
- What do you do before you read a book?

POSSIBLE WAYS TO ENTER A CONFERENCE WHEN A READER IS IN THE MIDDLE OF A BOOK

- Would you read a bit of the story to me?
- Do a quick running record to analyze strategy use.
- How did you get back into a story?
- What is happening in the story so far?
- What do you think might happen next?
- Tell me about the characters. Have they changed?
- Was there a part of the story that was confusing? What did you do to help yourself as a reader?
- Take me to a place in the story where _____.

POSSIBLE WAYS TO ENTER A CONFERENCE WHEN A READER IS AT THE END OF A BOOK

- What did you think about the story?
- What was your favorite part? Why?
- Choose a character from the story and talk about how they changed over time.
- What did you learn about yourself as a reader
- What strategies did you use as a reader?
- What do you think you might read next?
- What goals do you have for yourself as a reader?
- What do you think the writer wanted you to take away after reading this book?