

## Helping Your Child with Reading - Some Questions to ask about a book

Here are some questions that may help you to support your children's reading and enjoyment of the stories that they choose. It is not expected that you ask every question, every time they read a book to you! However, by choosing 2 or 3 of the questions to ask your child before, during and after the reading of their book, it will support their developing comprehension of what they read and ultimately, their enjoyment of the books that they choose.



### Before reading the book:

- Can you point to the title? or What is this? (pointing to the title)
- What do you think this story will be about? What might happen in the story?
- What do we call the writing on the back of the book? (Blurb) or What does the blurb tell us?
- Talk about the different parts of the book (eg. Front cover, back cover, title, author, illustrator, blurb, ISBN number, bar code, publisher marks)
- If it is an information book ask them where you will find out about something specific (ie. can the child use the Contents page or Index to locate information?)



### During the reading of the book:

- Tell me what is happening in the pictures?
- What has happened so far? Is it what you expected to happen?
- What might happen next? How do you think the story might end?
- What sort of character is....? Is he/she friendly/ mean/ nice...?
- Ask children about events in the story: How would you feel if you had been that character? Has anything like that happened to you? Would you like that to happen to you?
- If reading an information book: What facts have you read? Have you learnt anything new? What does this page tell you about? Is there anything that interests you on this page? Where would you go to find information about....?



### At the end of the book:

- What was their favourite part? Why?
- What was the most interesting/ exciting part of the book? Can you find it?
- What sort of character is....?
- Why did that character do ... (give a situation/ event from the story)?
- What happened in the story?
- Are there any words or phrases that you enjoyed?
- Did the pictures help you to understand the story better?
  
- Can you retell the story?
- If there was a problem, did it get solved?
- If you could change one thing about this story, what would it be?
- Who are the main characters in the story? Which character would you like to be? Which character is most like you?