

# Supporting reading comprehension at home



As your child grows into an **independent reader** you can teach them how to develop their comprehension skills by:

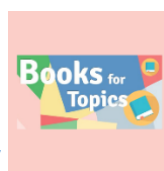
1. Talking together about what you are reading eg: What do you think is happening? What might happen next?
2. Summarising or identifying the key points of a story or information text
3. Drawing illustrations or creating a mind map about the book
4. Developing questioning strategies, eg: Did that make sense? Why do you think that happened?

Some good words to start your questions are: **Why? Who? Which? When? and How?**

Encourage your child to read different genres:

Have I read a book from each genre?

<b>Fantasy</b> A story including elements that are impossible such as magic, dragons or magical powers.	<b>REALISTIC FICTION</b> A story where make-believe characters live out lives very like ours.	<b>Traditional Literature</b> Stories that are passed down from one generation to another in literary form. This includes folktales, legends, fairy tales, tall tales, and myths from different cultures.	<b>Informational</b> Texts that provide facts about a variety of topics (sports, animals, science, history, cartoons, travel, geography, space, weather, etc.)			
<b>MYSTERY</b> A suspenseful story where a puzzling event that is not solved until the end of the story.	<b>Historical Fiction</b> A fictional story that takes place in a particular time period in the past. Often the setting is real, but the characters are made up from the author's imagination.	<b>Science Fiction</b> A type of fantasy that uses science and technology to create a new world (robots, time machines, etc.).	<b>BIOGRAPHY</b> The story of a real person's life written by another person.	<b>Autobiography</b> The story of a real person's life that is written by the person.		
<b>Poetry</b> Poetry is a form of literature that is written in a way that is meant to be read aloud. It often uses words in a creative way to create a picture in the reader's mind.	<b>Traditional Literature</b> Stories that are passed down from one generation to another in literary form. This includes folktales, legends, fairy tales, tall tales, and myths from different cultures.	<b>Information Text</b> Texts that provide facts about a variety of topics (sports, animals, science, history, cartoons, travel, geography, space, weather, etc.).	<b>Science Fiction</b> A type of fantasy that uses science and technology to create a new world (robots, time machines, etc.).	<b>Biography</b> The story of a real person's life written by another person.	<b>Autobiography</b> The story of a real person's life that is written by the person.	<b>Poetry</b> Poetry is a form of literature that is written in a way that is meant to be read aloud. It often uses words in a creative way to create a picture in the reader's mind.



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has recommended booklists sorted by age and topic.

Always remember children may find it easier to read the words (decoding) than understand the meaning (comprehension).