



Text Comprehension

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Mental Images

- *Mind Pictures*

Prior Knowledge

- The Doorbell Rang
- The Magic Fish

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Reading is making sense out of the text.
A child must have good listening comprehension before he can have good reading comprehension.

Did You Know?

You can help your child get meaning from reading by:

- Telling stories
- Reading aloud
- Showing child how to predict what a book is about **before** he reads it
- Asking questions about what is happening and what might happen **while** child is reading
- Asking child to tell you what were the main things that happened, **after** he has read the book
- Encouraging child to **think** about what he is reading so that it makes sense
- Having child retell story in the right order
- Practicing together all the other skills involved in reading - phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary and fluency

Reading Aloud

Listening comprehension is the foundation for text comprehension.

When a child listens to stories it helps him:

- Develop listening skills
- Increase understanding
- Build vocabulary and knowledge - he hears words he cannot yet read himself
- Encourage discussion of tradition and values
- Create bonds between parent and child
- Extend imagination

When a child is able to understand books he listens to, it helps to build understanding of books he reads.

Involving Your Child in a Book

Introduce the book

- First look through the book yourself.
- Talk about the cover. Read the title, author's and illustrator's names.

Look at the pictures

- Glance through the book with the child, before you read.
- Ask questions about the illustrations: *What is happening?*
Why do you think _____ is doing that?

Read the book

- Ask questions: *Why did he do that? What will happen next?*

Guess the ending

- Stop reading before the end of the book and ask child how she thinks it will end.
- Finish reading the book. Discuss the endings.

Chapter Books

Prediction Strategies for Child to Use

- Read the front and back cover
- Read the titles of the chapters
- Look at the pictures
- Read the first page
- Think about what might happen
- Use any information you have learned so far

While reading the book, summarize each page or chapter as you read.

