



Supporting your child as a 'Reader'

The Reader	Likely Reasons	Troubleshooting
Stubborn Reader Reluctant Reader	 Problems with decoding (breaking down the word) Problems with tracking (skips words and lines) Guesses what they are reading Yet to read a book that truly interests them 	 Memory training and decoding activities Increase text size/read eBooks Read in the morning Focus on decoding Explore wildly different texts or reading in different locations Low text books Start small Shared reading
Purposeful Reader Visual Reader Social Reader	 Yet to identify reading with happiness Working memory is limited – they struggle to remember parts of a story from one day to the next Yet to experience finishing a book Low self esteemsometimes an older child with decoding or tracking issues 	 Model reading for pleasure link reading to 'family time' Indulge the visual. Explore memory games – babble gabble, Kim's game Talk about reading. Share reading challenges. Chunk up the learner and reward short but accurate reading Use audio books
Dream Reader	 Reflective learner rather than reactive 'Winner' attitude 	 Celebrate Check that the child can comprehend what they are reading.





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Questions		How Does This Help?
Inference	 Did any of the characters show their feelings? How/why did they show this/these feeling(s) Why was (a character) angry/upset/pleased/puzzled in this part of the story/play? Did any of the characters help each other? Why? How do you feel about this topic? What was the most important part? 	FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS You encourage your child to think about feelings and emotions. They look beyond the story to find reasons for a character's actions
Retrieval	 Read/write down the part that tells the reader about Where does the story take place? Show me in the writing where you found? Find me two pieces of information about? 	FACTS AND INFORMATION You encourage your child to recall the facts. They use the story to find things they can remember reading about.
Problems	 What bad choices did the main character make? What were the problems in the story? Is there a better way to? 	PROBLEMS You encourage your child to think about any problems or things that could be better. They think about how to make things better by thinking back over what they have read. They can also recall the problems.
Making Links	 What do you think will happen next? What other words could you use to describe? Do you notice anything special about the words/book/story? What if (character name) had? 	CREATIVE IDEAS You encourage your child to think about ideas beyond the story or book. They use ideas about what they have read to make up new ideas.





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Positives	Why was it a good reason to call the	BENEFITS / POSITIVES
	book?	You encourage your child
	 Why has the writer chosen that word? 	to think about the good
	 What are the good things about the 	things that happen or
	character?	things that the writer uses
		to make the story or book
		work well. They use the
		book and discuss what
		went well.
Organisation	 Why has the book got a contents? 	ORGANISATION
	 What has the writer used an !/?/? 	You encourage your child
	 Why does this page have lots of 	to talk about how the
	headings?	book, story or writing has
	 Why has the writer used a picture? 	been organised.