



Reading



Workshop

Questions for before, during and after reading with your child.

Before reading:

- Have a set space and time together dedicated to reading.

Get comfy!

- If this is the first time reading a particular book, look at the cover and title together. Predict what the book may be about.

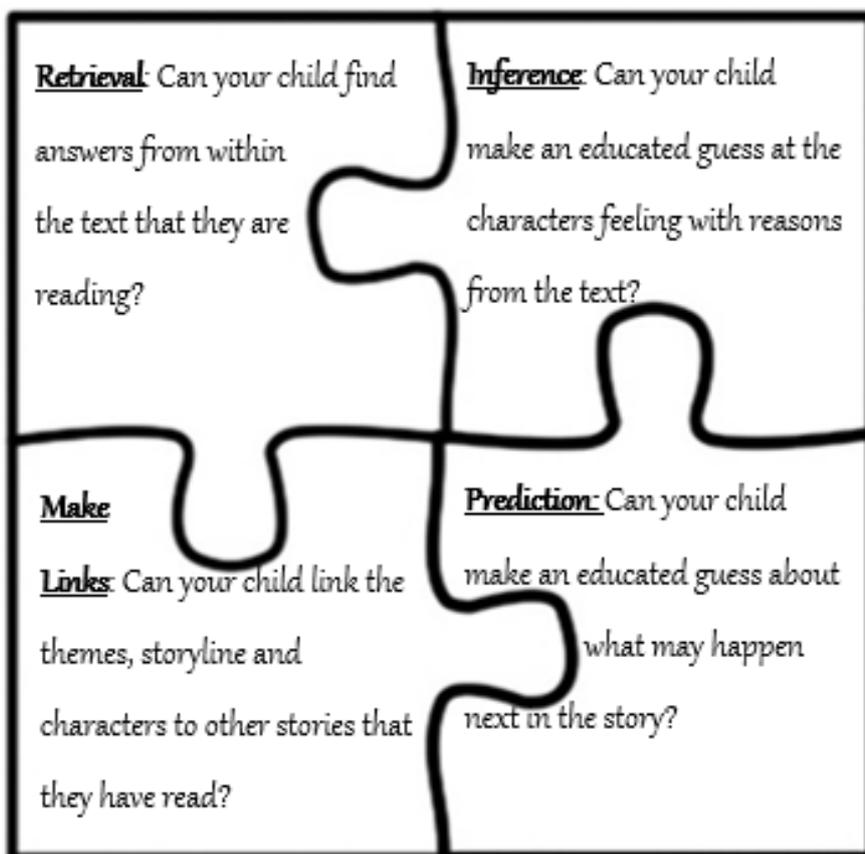
Is it similar to any other books you have shared? How so?

Make links to other books, characters, illustrators and authors.

- Give your child to do a 'picture walk'- flick through the book together and look at the pictures in the story.
- Identify the sound that your child has been learning (identifiable on the RWI 'read on my own' book).

During reading:

- Ask questions about the story, about the characters, about the descriptions, about the pictures.
- Have your child follow the words as you are reading with their finger (top to bottom, left to right).
- Discuss the meaning of any new or unfamiliar words.
- Can your child identify any words that they have learnt at school?



- Echo reading- If your child reads without expression or intonation try echo reading. You read the same section emphasising the expression and ask them to mimic you using the same intonations and emphasis.

Make this into a game by really exaggerating and seeing if they can copy you.

- If your child fails to recognise repeated words, (high frequency or unusual) try word hunting. Show them the word in isolation, talk about it, then look for it in the book.

How many times can you find it?

- Which letter phonemes do you recognise? Can you blend them together?
- Does the word make sense? Read the sentence again to check.

After reading:

- Discuss with your child what they liked or disliked about the story.
- Can your child think of another title for the book? Why?
- Did the story have a happy or sad ending? What ending would you have written for the story?
- Can your child think of another character that they would like to add to the story? If so, who and why?
- With high quality picture books, you can ask ‘what was the meaning of the story’?