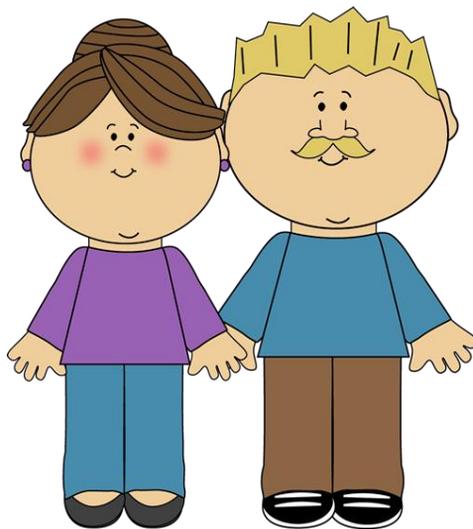


# Reading Comprehension Questions

Parent Handout

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# Teacher's Guide



## About the Author

My name is Keely and I am a teach-a-holic! I use my experience as a classroom teacher and reading coach to design products for real teachers in real classrooms. I love interacting with people who purchase my products, so please drop me a line anytime!

Help your students' parents interact about reading! These 34 thought-provoking questions give parents a springboard for holding meaningful discussions with their children.

Use this handout as part of a homework folder or parent orientation. Refer to the questions as you assign reading homework, or just let parents use the questions as they see fit.

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# Challenging Questions to Ask About Reading



--Narrative (any story)--

- \*How is this story like any other story you know?
- \*How is the setting (time and place) important to the story?
- \*How did the author show the passing of time?
- \*What words did the author use to describe the place?
- \*How does the season or time affect the characters or the plot of the story?
- \*Who is the most important character?
- \*How does the author tell us about the character?  
(Hint: Look at what the character does, thinks, says, and what others say about the character.)
- \*Which character changed in the story? How did he/she change?
- \*What is the author's message?
- \*Why did the author most likely write this story?
- \*What is this story mostly about?
- \*What do the illustrations add to the story?
- \*What was the most important problem in the story?
- \*What clues did the author give to help the reader predict the ending?
- \*What lesson does this story teach about life?
- \*What can you tell about this character?
- \*What two or three sentences summarize the whole story?
- \*What are some interesting words, phrases, or sentences?
- \*What words help create a feeling or picture in your mind?
- \*What did the author have to know to write this book?
- \*What did the author do to interest the reader?

# Challenging Questions to Ask About Reading



--Informational/Non-fiction--

- \*What is this selection mainly about?
- \*Why is this topic important?
- \*What are some of the most important ideas related to this topic?
- \*How has the author made it easy for the reader to find information?
- \*Why did the author most likely write this text?
- \*What does the title tell you about this text?
- \*What information is provided through graphic features? (illustrations, maps, charts, diagrams, photographs, etc.)
- \*What information is provided through text features? (bold print, key words, italics, captions, labels, etc.)
- \*How does this (chart, illustration, map, etc.) help the reader?
- \*How can the reader tell that the author's purpose was \_\_\_\_\_?
- \*What details are important to the main idea of the selection?
- \*Which sentence from the text best supports the idea that \_\_\_\_\_?
- \*What can you tell from this text?

Tip: Always ask  
"How do you  
know?" and  
follow up with a  
discussion!