

Parent Tip

Reading Comprehension

We have been learning and practicing the strategies of great readers—the CAFÉ strategies. CAFÉ is an acronym that stands for:

Comprehension—understanding what we read
Accuracy—reading the words correctly
Fluency—reading smoothly and with expression in our voice
Expand Vocabulary—tuning into new words (“Million Dollar” words) and thinking about what they mean

Now we are ready to put all the strategies we have learned to use in order to correctly answer reading comprehension questions.

Steps to follow when doing a reading comprehension:

1. Read the **title** and look at the **picture(s)**.
2. Read the **story** (use strategies when you come to an unknown word).



3. Read the **questions**.

*[Get your highlighter]



4. Read the **story again**. Stop often to **check for understanding** (Fix-up Bear). **Highlight** any answers to questions or any clues that will help you answer the questions.

*[Get your pencil]



5. Answer the questions.
 - Cross off any answers that you know are **NOT** right.
 - Think about what the **best** answer is.

6. **Check** your child's answers. Ask, “Why did you pick this answer?”

