

Questions to ask your child when reading - Key Stage 1

Before reading the book:

Can you point to the title? or
 What is this? (pointing to the title)

What do you think this story will be about? What might happen in the story?
What do we call the writing on the back of the book?
(Blurb) or What does the blurb tell us?

During the reading of the book:

 What is happening in the pictures?

 What has happened so far?
 Is it what you expected to happen?

• What might happen next? How do you think the story might end?

• What sort of character is....? Is he/she friendly/ mean/ nice...?

At the end of the book:

• Did you like this book? Why? (Encourage children to develop their opinion about books by encouraging them to explain their reasons)

• What was your favourite part? Why?

• What was the most interesting/ exciting part of the book? Can you find it?

• What sort of character was....?

• Why did that character do ... (give a situation/ event from the story)?

• What happened in the story?

• Would you recommend this book to a friend?

