

ENGAGING WITH TEXT

Resources from Flagler Parent Academy Series

by *The James Patterson Literacy Challenge*



FINDING BOOKS

- Local and school libraries
- [Epic Books](#)
- [OpenEBooks.net](#)
- [Amazon](#) and other book vendors
- Goodwill or other secondhand stores
- [Scholastic](#)

CHOOSING BOOKS

- Child's interests
- Pop culture
- Classic children's literature
- Social and emotional topics
- Home-School connection
- Current Events



WORD CONSCIOUSNESS



Which words to pick?

- *Prioritize Use:* What words will best help my child express their thoughts and expand their knowledge?
- *Make Connections:* If my child knows _____ they can easily learn _____.



CHILD-FRIENDLY EXPLANATIONS

A good rule of thumb when crafting a student friendly explanation is to include the words *something*, *someone*, or *describes* in your explanation.

For example,

- Attention....If someone is getting attention they are being taken care of.
- Discard...If you discard something you get rid of it because you no longer want or need it.
- Skimpy...Skimpy describes something that is too small in size or amount.

COBUILD Dictionary can help with these explanations!

KNOWLEDGE BUILDING CONVERSATIONS

- What did you learn from this text or experience?
- At first I thought...but now I think...
- Why do you think the author wrote this text?
- What does this section mean?
- Do you think that...?
- What happened at the beginning, middle, and end of the text?

More conversation starters **[HERE!](#)**



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