



### What is reading comprehension?

Reading comprehension is the ability to understand what is being read. Comprehension is the ultimate goal of reading. If readers can read the words but do not understand what they are reading, they are not really reading.

#### Check out these helpful sites!!

##### **Florida Center for Reading Research**

FCRR has created many center activities that work great for practicing with your child at home. Just print out the center and guide your child through the activity while reading. Go to the address below. Select your child's grade and scroll to the bottom to select comprehension activities.

<http://mbcurl.me/E2GM>

##### **Put Reading First**

Visit this site to view a government publication with information about reading from Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade.

<http://mbcurl.me/E2G8>

##### **Scholastic**

Scholastic has provided this article with ideas to improve reading comprehension.

<http://mbcurl.me/E2GW>

##### **Buzzle**

This article includes additional reading comprehension activities.

<http://mbcurl.me/E2GE>



#### Comprehension Activities



While reading, encourage your child to:

- Have a Story Talk: make speculations about what is going to happen in the story, answer questions about the setting/characters/events, and talk about the pictures
- Visualize the story while reading
- Stop after a paragraph or a page to check for understanding and reread if needed
- Make connections to personal experiences, to other books or to the world as reading
- Retell the text after reading

Set up Reading Play Dates for your child. Have your child read with friends and discuss the story.

#### **Set a structure for reading success!**

- Provide an opportunity for your child to read for at least an hour every day. Create a reading schedule with your child and stick to it.
- Provide your child with books and reading materials.
- Check with your local library for a summer book list.
- Remember to identify books that your child is interested in and will enjoy!

**Read On Arizona** is offering a free digital library for children all summer! This is a great opportunity to access new books without leaving your home!  
<http://readonarizona.org/>