



4 Active Reading Tips for Reading with Your Child

Look at the book first



Together, look at the front and back cover and talk about the pictures and words. Flip through the pages and ask questions: is this a fiction or a non-fiction book? are these real pictures or illustrated pictures? is anything confusing, interesting? This will help students comprehend the text and figure out why the book was written.

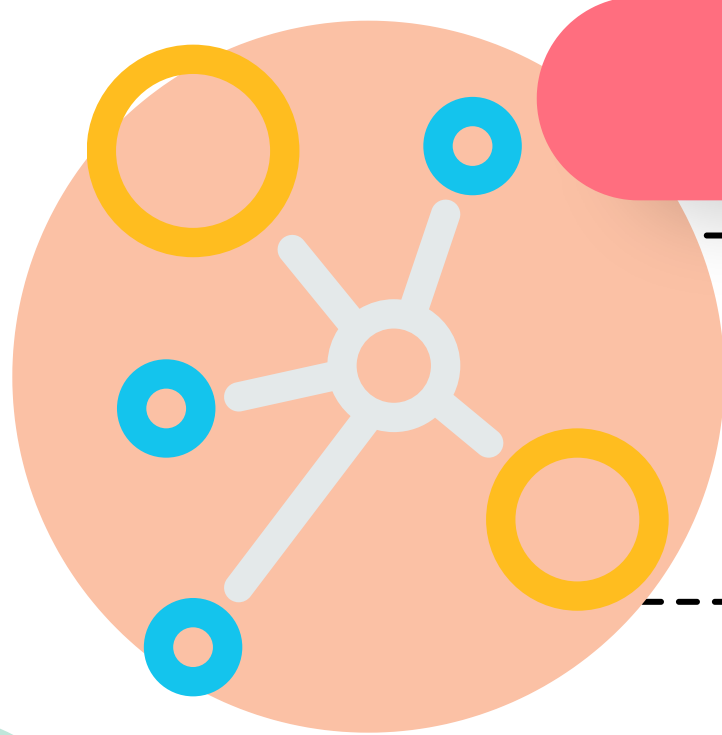
Ask questions as you read

Help your child predict and understand text by asking questions as you read. "What will happen next?" "How do you think the character feels here?" "Have you ever seen _____?" Questioning engages the child in the story and helps build vocabulary and oral language.



Make connections as you read

Help your child make connections from the text to themselves, to other books you have read together, and to the world around them. "This reminds me of a song.." "Do you ever feel like the character feels?"



Define unknown words together

When you come to unknown words, work together to solve the meaning. Help them use context clues or give clues of your own. This strategy helps build oral language and helps their understanding of the story.

