

4-8 Comprehension

What is Comprehension?

Comprehension is the process of understanding what text means and making sense of it.

It is the ultimate goal of reading.

To comprehend well, readers must accurately read the words on the page and understand what they say. Both processes must be strong!

Did You Know?



Adolescents are social! Allowing them to discuss what they are reading helps them to practice the thinking skills they need to understand what they are reading.



A student's **vocabulary and content knowledge** play a large part in what they are able to understand in text. Discussing current events helps to build this knowledge.



Activities and games like crossword puzzles, Scrabble, and Boggle are excellent for building vocabulary. **Bonus:** they can be done as a family!



Supporting Comprehension at Home

- **Read the same book** as your child and have a discussion about what you read after each chapter.
- **Ask your child what they are interested in** and help connect them to texts on this topic.
- **Let your child choose** their own reading materials.
- **Be a role model** for reading. Let your child see you read at home.
- **If you are concerned** your child is struggling with reading, contact your child's teacher.

