

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.

When children comprehend well, it is more likely they will learn from and enjoy reading, because they are able to understand what they read.

Did You Know?



Children develop listening comprehension early- they understand what they hear long before they are able to read words in text.



A child's content and background knowledge plays a large part in what they are able to understand when they read.



Talking to children about the books they are reading provides a great window into their comprehension.



Supporting Comprehension at Home

- **Read to your child** - even if your child is older! Hearing complex texts helps to build vocabulary and content knowledge.
- **Read a mixture** of fiction and non-fiction texts with your child.
- **Read texts on the same topic or theme**; it is okay to let your child guide decisions about which texts to read. This experience should be fun!
- **Have conversations** before, during, and after reading together.
- **Model asking questions** and looking for clues in the text as you read.

