

Family Reading Conversations

As your child reads books with *Scholastic Literacy Pro*, use these questions to spark reading conversations and meaningful discussions at home. Students can always take an optional Think More for a book if it is available, but discussing the book together **before, during, and after** reading will enhance critical thinking and build a love for reading! Pro Tip: Reading the book that your child is talking about will allow you to engage in deeper conversations.



Before Reading: Prompt your child to think about what he or she already knows about the topic, and what the book might be about. This engages prior knowledge.

What do you notice on the cover of this book?

What do you think this book will be about?

What do you already know about this topic?



During Reading: While you read the book with your child, help him or her think critically about the story or topic by calling out important details and asking questions.

Fiction

Who is the main character?

Describe the character.

What do you think is going to happen next?

Why do you say that?

What does this image tell you?

What do you notice?

Nonfiction

What is this book about?

What are you learning, so far?

Have you seen or heard about something like this in real life?

What does this image say about the topic?

What does it help you understand?



After Reading: Once the book is complete, help your child summarize and reflect on what he or she just read to emphasize the theme or main idea. Rereading is always recommended!

Fiction

How did this story make you feel?

Did you like the story?

Why or **why not**?

What did the character learn in this story?

Nonfiction

What is one new thing you learned?

Did this book change your mind about something?

What questions do you still have?

Would you want your friends to read this book, too? Why or why not?

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After reading and discussing a book:

- 1 If it's a *Literacy Pro* ebook, the reading minutes are automatically recorded in the program! If it's a paperback book, students have to manually record it in their Reading Log. [Watch this video](#) or [read this cheat sheet](#) to learn how.
- 2 For any book, your child must check off the box that says "I finished this book" in order for it to count as completed. [Watch this video](#) or [read this cheat sheet](#) to learn how.
- 3 Finally, your child can rate the book according to how much he or she liked it, and write a book review in *Literacy Pro*.



More discussion prompts:

Make a connection between this book and another book or movie.

Make a connection between this book and your own life.

Make a connection between this book and the world.




More writing prompts:

Write an alternate ending to this book.

What if the story were to continue? **Write** what would happen next.

Create a blogpost or social media post about this topic. **What** would you want other people to know?



Families with a rich reading culture—access to books and lots of talk about books—are more likely to raise successful readers.

(*The Joy and Power of Reading*, Scholastic Education, 2019)

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