

# Helping Your Growing Reader Understand Their Reading

## Before Reading

1. By reading the book blurb on the back cover and looking at the title, what do you think will happen? Why?
2. What do you think you find out in this book?
3. What are you curious about?
4. What questions do you have that you may find answers to in this book?

## During Reading

1. Hmm... why do you think \_\_\_\_\_ did (or said or thought) that?
2. Why do you think \_\_\_\_\_ happened?
3. What do you think will happen next and why?
4. Does this remind you of anything that has happened to you or that you have read about before? What are you feeling right now? Why?
5. What questions are you wondering about?

## After Reading

1. Have a conversation with your child about what they read. We have included some bookmarks with question prompts on the last pages of this resource. Overall, the more a child talks about their reading, the more they comprehend.
2. Tell me what the story was about.
3. What was the most important event in the story? Why do you think it was important?
4. What do you think the main character in the story learned? Why was that important?
5. What special message do you think the author was trying to share with you?
6. What did the book remind you of in your own life? How is this person's life like yours?
7. How is it different?

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