

# Reading tips to help your child



## Before school to Year 2

- Discuss the pictures in a book and encourage your child to talk about the pictures.
- Re-read your child's favourite books and stories.
- When your child **reads to you**, allow time for working out words and ask questions to see if he or she understands what they have read.

Here are some questions you can ask at different times before, during and after reading the book:

- Look at the cover - what do you think this book is about?
- What is happening in the pictures?
- How could we work out these tricky words?
- What do you think is going to happen next?
- What was your favourite part of the book?
- Who was your favourite character in the story? Why did you like that character?
- If you could change the ending of this book, what would it be?

## Year 3 to Year 6

The following questions require your child to get clues from the text to answer:

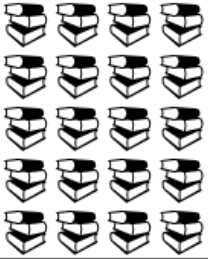


- How do you think the character was feeling?
- How would you change the ending?
- How would you describe the changes in the character/setting?

These questions require your child to refer back to the text:

- What were the characters' names?
- What was the setting?
- What did each character do?
- What happened at the beginning, middle and end of the text?

The following questions require your child to think about the main messages:

- What do you think is the main message in the story or text?
- Can you relate it to another event or issue?
- Do you agree with the views of the author?
- What is your opinion about the message in the story?
- How could other people see it differently?

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?		
Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.
If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6 <sup>th</sup> grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.		
WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.		