

Reciprocal Reading



- Reciprocal Reading is a discussion technique that improves reading comprehension.
- It covers four main reading strategies:
 - Predicting
 - Clarifying
 - Questioning
 - Summarising
- It can be applied to books your child is reading, as well as other texts such as recipes, magazine and internet articles, and instructions.

Predicting

- Ask your child to look at the cover, heading and illustrations.
- What do they think the text is going to be about?
- Share your predictions with your child - giving reasons.
- Do you both agree? If not, why not?



Clarifying

- Ask your child to show you words or phrases that they find confusing.
- Share any words or phrases that you find confusing.
- Can you work out the meaning by reading around the word? Is the word a verb, adverb, noun or adjective - does this help to understand the meaning?
- Use a dictionary to check the meaning if necessary.



Questioning

- Ask your child to think of a couple of questions that could be answered by reading the text.
- Encourage them to think about:
 - How?
 - What?
 - Who?
 - Why?
 - When?
 - Where?
- Come up with some questions of your own - see if your child can answer them.



Summarising

- Ask your child to summarise what they've read in their own words.
- What are the important events?
- What order do the events go in?

