

Help Your Child Prepare for Those Important Reading Tests

Types of Reading Test Selections And How You Can Help :

Fiction - A story or part of a story

- Read the same book as your child so that you can discuss it. (Try and stay 1 chapter ahead.) It can become a bond between you.

Ex: "I was worried when he started going up the stairs. What do you think will happen if...?"

Ask "why" questions.

Ex: "Why do you think..."

- Try and relate something from the story to your child's life.

Ex: "That reminded me of the time we (or you)..."

- Try and determine what the author's purpose was for writing it.
- Did the characters in the story learn a lesson?
- Do not assume that your child knows common terms, such as "rig" for truck, "bank" for riverbank.

Non-fiction - An article that informs

- Read magazines, newspapers, and information from the internet.
- Discuss newspaper, magazine, or internet articles about topics of interest to your child. Let your child look up information on the internet with close supervision.
- Fit non-fiction text into real world experiences. This shows your child the benefit of being able to read well.
- Use brochures, maps, charts, graphs.
- Plan a vacation or a family outing using a map. Read the names of cities and/or states you will visit. Use brochures to plan where you will go and what you will do. (There's lots of info. on the internet about attractions)
- Make charts for household chores.
- Graph things then interpret the data.

Poems

- When reading poems, do not stop at the end of each line. Read until you reach a period or comma.
- Discuss a poem like you would a book, story, or article.

