



## **Reading Comprehension Tips**

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**"Walk" through the story page by page and look at the pictures, illustrations, headers, sidebars, etc.** This helps the child prepare for the information he/she is about to read as well as improve comprehension and concentration.

**Improve decoding skills.** Prompt your child when they read a word incorrectly by asking, "Does that word make sense in the sentence?" If they respond "no," have the child decode the word(s) and reread the sentence.

**Take turns reading aloud and find places to stop, discuss, make comments, give opinions, and relate to personal experiences.** This helps your child remember and think through the themes of the book. Ask your child questions about the content of the book before, during, and after reading.

**Separate what the child is reading into story components:** setting, main character, action, and outcome.

**Reread favorite books.** Rereading familiar books provides good practice for fluency and decoding. Your child should be able to read at a smooth, conversational pace.

**Find popular children's books that are now available as screenplays on video or DVD.** Have your child read the book version and then, watch the screenplay. Talk about the similarities or differences between the book and the screenplay. Ask your child how the screenplay compares to what he/she visualized while reading the book.

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