

What is Reading Comprehension?



Reading comprehension refers to children's ability to understand what they read. Reading is all about making meaning. When young children are learning to read, they need to do more than just sound out the words to make meaning. Reading comprehension involves thinking about a book and fully understanding the story or information.

Literal Thinking: Ideas that can be Found in the Book

✓ Names of characters

Who are the characters?

What happened in the story?

✓ Events in a story

✓ The setting, or where the story takes place

Where does the story take place?



✓ Important facts

✓ Topics included

What was this book about?

Inferential Thinking: Ideas that go Beyond the Book

✓ Characters' thoughts

What might the character be thinking?

How might the characters feel?

✓ Characters' emotions

✓ The author's opinion

Why do you think the author wrote about this?

✓ The author's message

✓ A lesson learned

What lesson did this book teach you?

✓ A theme, or big idea, in the text.