

Reading Comprehension — Asking and Answering Questions

Base Sheet

The child reads a short passage and practices answering who, what, where, when, and why questions. This develops active reading strategies and teaches the child to extract meaning from text, not just decode words.

What You Need:

- 2-3 short reading passages (4-6 sentences each)
- Question word cards (Who, What, Where, When, Why)
- Paper and pencil for writing answers (optional)
- Work mat

Steps:

1. 'Good readers don't just read the words — they THINK about what they read. Today we practice with questions!'
2. Read a short passage together (4-6 sentences about a familiar topic).
3. Introduce the five question words: WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY.
4. Model: Read the passage aloud. 'WHO is this about?' 'WHAT happened?' 'WHERE did it happen?'
5. Re-read. This time the child answers the questions.
6. 'Now YOU ask ME a question about the story!'
7. Practice with a second passage. Child answers questions independently.

Work Space:

