

Reading Comprehension — Answering Questions About a Passage

Base Sheet

The child reads a short non-fiction passage independently and answers comprehension questions: identifying the main idea, supporting details, vocabulary, and making inferences. This assesses and strengthens reading comprehension

What You Need:

- Non-fiction reading passage (printed)
- Comprehension questions (written)
- Paper and pencil
- Highlighter (optional for finding evidence)

Steps:

1. 'Good readers do not just read words — they UNDERSTAND what they read. Today you will show how well you comprehend!'
2. Present a short non-fiction passage (4-6 paragraphs) on a topic the child has studied: the digestive system, a country, an animal, or the water cycle.
3. The child reads it independently (or with minimal help).
4. Answer questions:
 - Main idea: 'What is this passage mostly about?'
 - Details: 'Name two facts you learned.'
 - Vocabulary: 'What does [word] mean in this passage?'
 - Inference: 'Why do you think...?'
 - Connection: 'How does this connect to something you already know?'
5. The child writes answers in complete sentences.
6. Review together: 'How did you figure that out?'

Work Space:

