



TALK, THINK, READ: BUILDING LITERACY THROUGH CONVERSATION

Talking with your child about what they read is a meaningful way to support their growth as a reader and writer. From the early years through high school, everyday conversations about reading give children opportunities to build their comprehension skills and grow as critical thinkers.

You don't need to have all the answers or be an expert on what your child is reading. Start with curiosity, ask questions, and invite your child to tell you more. The conversation starters below can help you find the words and keep the conversation going.

Start With Curiosity

- "What caught your attention?"
- "What's something you want to tell me about?"
- "What are you wondering about?"



Ask Them To Explain

- "What makes you think that?"
- "Can you give me an example from the reading?"
- "How would you explain that to someone who hasn't read it?"

Notice The Details

- "What details stood out to you?"
- "What did you notice that you didn't expect?"
- "What seems important to remember?"



Talk About New Ideas

- "What's something new you learned?"
- "What made you stop and think?"
- "What would you like to know more about?"

Think Like The Author

- "What do you think the author wants readers to understand?"
- "Why do you think the author chose to include that?"
- "If you could ask the author one question, what would it be?"



Get Their Perspective

- "What's your take on what you read?"
- "Did anything change the way you were thinking?"
- "How might someone else see it differently?"

