

# Book Talk Questions

For use with your Reading Log

This is a list of questions that will facilitate interesting and thoughtful discussion about the books that you read with your child. These are questions that good readers ask themselves as they read to help them both understand and enjoy their reading. By consistently talking about these questions with children, they develop the ability to question as they read and thus become strong, insightful readers. Not all the questions will make sense for every book your child reads. Select one or two to discuss that work for the book you read.

1. What did this book make you think about in your own life?
2. What did this book make you think about in the outside world?
3. Which other books does this remind you of? Why?
4. How does the main character feel in this book? Have you ever felt that way? When?
5. What didn't make sense to you in this book?
6. What do you think the author is trying to say or teach?
7. Is this an author you would like to read more from? Why?
8. Which words were hard to read in this book? How will you remember them for next time?
9. Which strategies did you use as a reader tonight? How did this help you?
10. How did this book touch your heart?
11. Can you summarize this story in your own words?
12. Who is the main character? Can you tell me about the main character?
13. What is the setting (time and place of this story)? How do you know—what evidence in the book helps you make your decision?
14. Based on the cover of this story only, what might you expect this story to be about?
15. What is the main problem in this story? How does the author solve the problem?
16. Tell me about the most interesting/funny/scary part of this book.
17. Is this story a fictional story or non-fiction story? What helps you make this decision?
18. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?