Talking While You Read Stories

Stories usually include a beginning, middle, and end. They often include characters, a setting, a problem, and a solution. Understanding how stories are organized will help your child better understand them.

Choose a book that is of interest to your child. Listen to your child read or take turns reading. After every page or so, stop and ask a question to prompt a conversation about the story.

**Example Questions**

- Who are the characters?
- What is the setting (where does the story take place)?
- What is the problem?
- How is the problem solved?
- What would you do if you were (name the main character from the story)?
- Can you retell the story to me? What happened at the beginning? In the middle? At the end?
- What was your favorite part of the story? Why is that your favorite part?