

HAND OUT 3: Reciprocal Teaching for Parents: Aide Memoire

Predicting:

Look at the book before you start reading. 'What do you think this book will be about?'

Stop reading periodically and ask: 'What do you think will happen next?' Ask why they think this will happen? This helps your child create a logical sequence.

- I think....because....
- I wonder if....because....
- I imagine that....because.....

Questioning:

Encourage your child to ask questions about the story throughout.

Stop reading at times and ask your child:

- Why do you think.....
- Who do you think....
- What do you think would have happened if.....
- How could....
- I wonder if....

Clarifying:

This is about checking the understanding of the text, picking up where things break down and fixing it. Questions may be about what is going on in the story:

- checking that the child understands individual words and can decode the words if they're reading independently

'Tricks to Fix' may be to re-read sections, slow down and read very slowly, look at difficult words together

Summarising:

This is often a difficult process and requires remembering important events, the order of the actions and using new vocabulary.

Help your child by providing questions like:

- What happened first - then - at the end?
- This story was really about....
- The main character was.....
- The most important event was....