Family Reading Time

Asking Wh Questions

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Introduction: And now, it’s Family Reading Time!

Narrator: Did you know that having conversations with your child during book reading can help her become a better reader? Asking questions such as Who, What, Where, and Why can encourage conversation.

Adult: What do you think happened here? What kind of look is that, that expression?
Child: A very surprised face, that he’s not being patient.

Narrator: When reading to your child, try pointing to something in the picture and ask her to name it. This helps her learn new words.

Adult: Look here. What’s that?
Child: A tear.
Adult: A tear. Is he crying?

Narrator: Asking your child questions about what’s happening on the page encourages her to use language skills and make connections between the pictures and the words in the story.

Adult: What do you think is this expression here; what is she doing there?
Child: Um, scolding him for keep on yeling.

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