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***Family Reading Time***  
***Asking Open-Ended Questions***

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**Introduction:** And now, it's Family Reading Time!

**Narrator:** Did you know that asking your child questions while reading can help him become a stronger reader?

**Adult:** Why do you think he's calling for his mama?

**Child:** Because he wants a drink

**Adult:** You think?

**Child:** Oh! Because he's lonely.

**Narrator:** Asking open-ended questions, or questions that don't have simple yes or no answers, gives your child the chance to use a lot of language, and helps her understand what's happening in the book.

**Adult:** What do you notice about his face?

**Child:** Is he happy?

**Adult:** What do you think?

**Child:** He is sad.

**Adult:** How do you know he's sad?

**Child:** I don't know.

**Adult:** Look here. What's that?

**Child:** A tear.

**Adult:** A tear. Is he crying?

**Child:** Yeah.

**Narrator:** Research shows that having conversations during book reading can strengthen children's language and early literacy skills.

**Narrator:** Family Reading Time Tip: Ask your child open-ended questions when reading.

**Closing:** Family Reading Time has been brought to you by the Windham Area Women & Girls Fund and the Center for Early Childhood Education at Eastern Connecticut State University.