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Questions to Ask During Shared Reading with Infants and Toddlers

Get the conversation started during reading time! Choose questions from the list below to help children engage with the story — and you! For even more fun: Cut and select a different question for each page you read.

How many _____ are on this page?	What color / shape is this?
What do you think happens next?	What do you see?
What else can you find?	Do you see anything [color] in this picture?
Where are all of the _____ on this page?	What is happening in this picture?
Can you count the _____?	How would you feel if...?
What do you think about...?	Why do you think that happened?

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Questions to Ask During Shared Reading with Preschoolers

Get the conversation started during reading time! Choose questions from the list below to help children engage with the story — and you! For even more fun: Cut and select a different question for each page you read.

What do you see on this page that begins with a _____ sound?	What is going on in this picture?
What other words rhyme with _____ ?	In the story, _____ happened. Can you think of a time something like that happened to you?
Who is your favorite character in this story? Why?	Which character is the most ... Funny? Clever? Brave?
If the story kept going, what would happen next?	What if ...? How did ...? Why did ...?
How do you think [character] is feeling? How would you feel if it were you?	What do you notice?
What do you think about...?	Why do you think that happened?

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