

# Comprehension Questions to Promote Literacy at Home

Engage your child in discussions about their reading and build knowledge of the content by asking questions before, during and after reading.

## Elementary

### Before Reading:

- What do you already know about the topic?
- What can you expect to learn?
- Skim the book to find out what you will be learning and orient yourself to the text.

### During Reading:

- Pause and reflect. Ask yourself, "do I understand what I just read?"
- Is this story like any other book you've read before? How so?
- Are there recurring objects in the story that seem minor, but the author keeps repeating?
- Do you need to revise your predictions based on what you've read?
- Finish the statement: "I wonder..."
- Look for context clues to figure out unfamiliar words.

### After Reading:

- Summarize what you've read.
- Trace the main events of the story. Could you change their order or leave any of them out? Why or why not?
- Were there clues that the author built into the story that helped you to anticipate the outcome? If so, what were they? Did you think those clues were important as you were reading?
- What have you learned by reading this that you didn't know before?
- What was the most surprising or interesting thing you learned?

\*NF denotes Non-Fiction texts