



Read Better Be Better®

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What is Read Better Be Better?

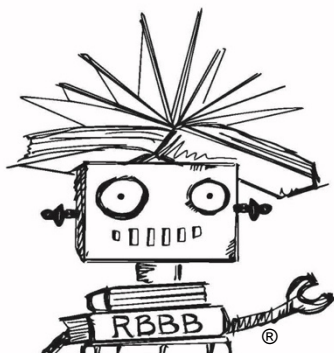
Read Better Be Better is a nonprofit organization. Our mission is to help children improve literacy skills and become better learners using an evidence-informed, highly effective reading comprehension program.

Literacy skills play a key role in ensuring long-term academic success and the RBBB program makes learning these skills fun and engaging.

We have put together this guide to help families build comprehension skills at home using simple steps from Read Better Be Better's tried and tested curriculum.

What is
Comprehension?

Comprehension is the
ability to understand the
information you read.



How do I Start?

You will need to have a book, a pencil, and some post-it notes close by. Try your best to set aside some time in a quiet environment where you can give your Reader your full attention.



Step 1: Start with a Conversation:

Start by asking your Reader **one** of these questions to engage and motivate them:

- What about the book made you choose it?
- What does the cover picture tell you about the book?
- What do you think is going to happen in the book?

Step 2: Read the Story Aloud to your Reader

Reading aloud stimulates regions of the brain to improve vocabulary, comprehension, language fluency, and focus. You need to show your Reader how to phrase the sentences. For example:

- Are you pausing at the end of every sentence?
- Are you reading clearly?
- Are you reading too fast?

Make the story come alive - read with enthusiasm!

Step 3: Ask a Reflection Question

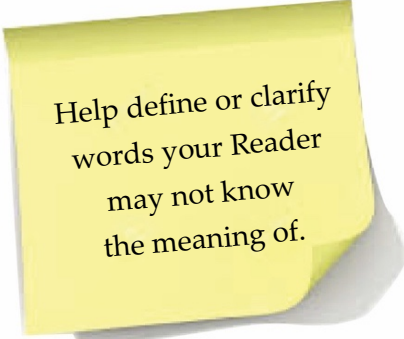
Have a brief conversation with your Reader about the story. Ask **one** of the questions below to help transition to the next step of the process.

- What did or did you not like about the story?
- How did the story make you feel? Why?
- Was the story what you expected? Explain.
- What was the story mostly about?

Step 4: Say it! Scribble it! Stick it!

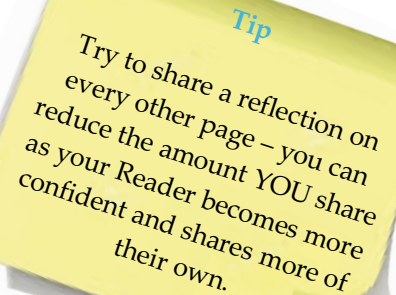
Read the story again. As you read, take turns writing down any thoughts on post-it notes. Thoughts can be about how it makes you feel, if the character reminds you of someone, or if the story sparks a question.

1. **Say it!** Share thoughts with each other.
2. **Scribble it!** Write down any thoughts on post-it notes and read it aloud.
3. **Stick it!** Place the post-it note onto the page.



Help define or clarify words your Reader may not know the meaning of.

Reading is thinking! Your Reader should not only be listening to the story, but engaging with and experiencing the story. It is important that these thoughts are said aloud (say it!) for the Reader to hear, written down (scribble it!) for them to see, and placed on the book (stick it!) for them to make connections between their thoughts and the story.



Tip
Try to share a reflection on every other page - you can reduce the amount YOU share as your Reader becomes more confident and shares more of their own.

Areas that you want your Reader to focus on when reading include:

Comprehension:

Is your Reader paying attention to their own thinking and exploring it?

- **Sentence Starter:** I'm thinking.../I learned.../It's funny how

Making Connections:

How does your Reader relate to the story? Does your Reader have a personal experience with the story?

- **Sentence Starter:** This reminds me of... I remember... I know...

Asking Questions:

Are there any confusing parts of the story?

- **Sentence Starter:** I am confused...? I wonder why...? What...?

Step 5: Conclusion

End this time with your Reader by providing them with two points of positive feedback:

- How was their engagement and attitude?
- How did your Reader show their understanding about the story?

Receiving feedback is important for your Reader. Providing them clear and immediate direction will help your Reader know what to do to improve on the next time they read, and improve your Reader's confidence and enjoyment of learning! Some of our favorites include:

- "I had such a fun time sharing reading this book with you, I appreciate you opening up and sharing your ideas."
- "I was impressed with the way you _____!" (be specific) Ex: "...read with enthusiasm!"

That's it! Becoming a better reader takes time and practice like any other skill. But with hard work and determination, your Reader will be a better learner. Happy Reading!