Family Reading Conversations

As your child reads books with Scholastic Literacy Pro, use these questions to spark reading conversations and meaningful discussions at home. Students can always take an optional Think More for a book if it is available, but discussing the book together before, during, and after reading will enhance critical thinking and build a love for reading! Pro Tip: Reading the book that your child is talking about will allow you to engage in deeper conversations.

Before Reading: Prompt your child to think about what he or she already knows about the topic, and what the book might be about. This engages prior knowledge.

- What do you notice on the cover of this book?
- What do you think this book will be about?
- What do you already know about this topic?

During Reading: While you read the book with your child, help him or her think critically about the story or topic by calling out important details and asking questions.

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<td>Who is the main character?</td>
<td>What is this book about?</td>
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<td>Describe the character.</td>
<td>What are you learning, so far?</td>
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<td>What do you think is going to happen next?</td>
<td>Have you seen or heard about something like this in real life?</td>
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<td>Why do you say that?</td>
<td>What does this image say about the topic?</td>
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<td>What does this image tell you?</td>
<td>What does it help you understand?</td>
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After Reading: Once the book is complete, help your child summarize and reflect on what he or she just read to emphasize the theme or main idea. Rereading is always recommended!

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<td>How did this story make you feel?</td>
<td>What is one new thing you learned?</td>
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<td>Did you like the story?</td>
<td>Did this book change your mind about something?</td>
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<td>Why or why not?</td>
<td>What questions do you still have?</td>
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<td>What did the character learn in this story?</td>
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Would you want your friends to read this book, too? Why or why not?
After reading and discussing a book:

1. If it's a Literacy Pro ebook, the reading minutes are automatically recorded in the program! If it's a paperback book, students have to manually record it in their Reading Log. Watch this video or read this cheat sheet to learn how.

2. For any book, your child must check off the box that says "I finished this book" in order for it to count as completed. Watch this video or read this cheat sheet to learn how.

3. Finally, your child can rate the book according to how much he or she liked it, and write a book review in Literacy Pro.

More discussion prompts:

Make a connection between this book and another book or movie.

Make a connection between this book and your own life.

Make a connection between this book and the world.

More writing prompts:

Write an alternate ending to this book.

What if the story were to continue? Write what would happen next.

Create a blogpost or social media post about this topic. What would you want other people to know?

Families with a rich reading culture—access to books and lots of talk about books—are more likely to raise successful readers.

(The Joy and Power of Reading, Scholastic Education, 2019)

For more tips, ideas, and articles about how to help your child read at home, visit scholastic.com/parents.
## Getting Familiar with Literacy Pro

Together with your child—using a computer, iPad, or tablet—log in to Scholastic Literacy Pro and explore the student experience. See the Family Letter for a reminder on how to log in.

### Have your child log in to Literacy Pro
- If your child is a first-time user, complete the Student Interest Survey together.
- If your child is a returning user, please skip this step.

### Look at the “Explore” tab
- Scroll down and to the right to see all the ebooks available!
- Have your child select a few ebooks to read later by clicking on the + sign to add them to the “My Books” shelf.

### Look at the “My Books” tab
- Select an ebook to read. Open it by selecting the orange “Read It Now” bar.
- Now read a page or two together!
- Select a word to hear the pronunciation (be sure your volume is turned on)!
- See the “Think More” button in the lower right corner. Here is where your child can choose to test his or her comprehension after the book is completed.
- Close the book by clicking on the button in the lower lefthand corner. The next time you open this book, it will begin right where you left off!

### Look at the “Search” tab
- Search for a title by keyword or select an interest icon to get started.
- Click on “Filter” to see how you can refine your search even more.
- Find the area just below the orange block and change the “Show” toggle to show both ebooks and paperbacks.
- Notice that you can add any title to your child’s bookshelf (“My Books” tab) by selecting the + sign on the title card. If the title is not an ebook, this is a great opportunity to go to the local library and find this book!

### Look at the “Profile” tab
- Take note that your child can change his or her avatar and his or her interests by selecting the pencil icon.
- See the goals section. Here you can set or adjust goals together. We recommend reading for at least three days for 20 minutes per day at the minimum.
- See the reading log and review which titles your child has read already.
- Select “Add to Log.” Here is where a student can add reading minutes from any print title that was read. Ebook reading is automatically tracked.
- Search for a book or make a selection from the books shown.
- Then, for practice, pretend that you finished that title and select “I finished this book.” You will see a prompt to rate and review the title.

See over
Helpful At-Home Tips
Check in with your child about his or her reading journey! Some suggestions:

⭐ Help your child select a new title to read; select the “+” sign to add it to his or her bookshelf.

⭐ Go to “Search” to look for
  - specific ebook titles
  - a book based on theme, interest, and more

⭐ Check in on your child’s reading activity by looking at his or her Profile together; review the child’s dashboard.
  - Does the child want to change his or her avatar or update his or her interests?
  - Is the child making progress toward his or her goals? Does the child want to change his or her goals?
  - Has the child completed the book?
  - If the child read a paperback title, did the child add his or her reading minutes to Literacy Pro (e.g., log time)?
  - If the child finished a book, ask: “What did you like about the book? Would you recommend this book to others? Why?” Encourage the child to star-rate the book and select or type in a written review (only the teacher will see the written reviews).

⭐ Read an ebook together
  - Use the e-tools to highlight words and jot down reactions to the text.
  - Select words that have pronunciation (click on the word).
  - If the book has the Read-to-Me function (speaker icon), select “play” to hear a natural voice read the book.

⭐ Read a paperback title together and help your child add his or her reading minutes into Literacy Pro.