



# FAMILY NEWS COMPREHENSION



## What is COMPREHENSION?

Comprehension is the **process** of understanding what text means and **making sense** of it.

It is the **ultimate goal** of reading.

When children comprehend well, it is more likely they will learn from and enjoy reading, because they are able to **understand** what they read.

## Did You Know?



Children develop listening comprehension early- they understand what they hear long before they are able to read words in text.



A child's content and background knowledge plays a large part in what they are able to understand when they read.



Talking to children about the books they are reading provides a great window into their comprehension.

## Supporting Comprehension at Home

- ✓ **Read to your child** - even if your child is older! Hearing complex texts helps to build vocabulary and content knowledge.
- ✓ Read a mixture of fiction and non-fiction texts with your child.
- ✓ Read texts on the same topic or theme; it is okay to let your child guide decisions about which texts to read. This experience should be fun!
- ✓ Have conversations before, during, and after reading together.
- ✓ Model asking questions and looking for clues in the text as you read.

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