

What else can you do at home?

- ♦ Take turns asking the questions.
- ♦ Let your child choose the text.
- ♦ It doesn't just need to be a book—look at newspapers, comics, picture books, travel guides, magazines and internet articles.
- ♦ Have a go—it's fun and sharing a reading book with your child is a special bonding time at any age.



What is your child learning?

- ♦ Group work
- ♦ Discussion techniques
- ♦ Listening and talking skills
- ♦ Comprehension skills
- ♦ Strategic thinking
- ♦ Problem solving
- ♦ Leadership skills

Please contact your child's school if you have any questions regarding

Reciprocal Teaching.

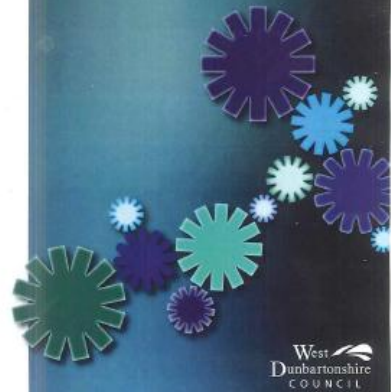
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A Guide for Parents to Help Improve Your Child's Reading



How Can I Help Improve my Child's Reading?

Reciprocal Teaching helps improve children's reading comprehension.

At school, Reciprocal Teaching is used in a group discussion when reading and teaches four strategies;

- Predicting,
- Clarifying,
- Questioning,
- Summarising.

Helping Reading at Home

When reading with your child find a quiet place, turn off the TV and get comfy! Try asking some of these questions as you read together.

Predicting

- What do you think the story is about?
- What clues from the title or pictures help you make good guesses?
- What do you already know about the story?



Clarifying

- Are there any words or ideas that are tricky to understand?
- What can you do to help you understand?



Questioning

- Can you ask me a question about what we've just read?
- Did I get the answer right?



Summarising

- What was the main point of the story?
- Can you tell me the story in your own words?



Try and use these strategies whenever you read with your child and their understanding will improve!