

COMMON CORE BACKPACK

Questions. Questions. Questions.

Kindergarten - English Language Arts - Reading Literature K.1

| Common Core Standard | Basically this means your child can.... |
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| RI.K.1 With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text | Tell who, what, where, when, why and how after listening to stories. |

Background Information:

While your child is reading it is important that they are able to answer **who, what, when where,** and **why** questions. For example, “Why did the girl want the dress so badly?” Or “When did the father return the hammer to his neighbor?”

These types of questions will help your child pay closer attention to what they are reading. As you read with your child daily, your child should expect you to ask them questions about what they have read. On the next page, you will find some questions that you can ask. You can also create questions on your own.

Activity:

1. Get a post-it note or a small piece of paper.
2. Write **who, what, when, where** and **why** on a post it note and places them in a bag. Write one question word on each piece of paper.
3. Read a story to your child.
4. After you finish reading the story (or after each page), have your child pull a question card from the bag.
5. Pick a question from the list that matches the question card. For example, if the child picks “what”, the parent may ask, “What happened in the story?”
6. Have your child answer the question and point to the picture in the book that helps them answer the question.

Extension:

This strategy can also be used while you and your child are watching television.

What you need (materials):

- Book
- Post it notes
- Paper bag

Resource:

Who?

- Who was the main character in the story?
- If the character had a problem, who helped the character solve his/her problem?
- Who was the author?
- Who was the illustrator?

What?

- What happened first in the story?
- What was the problem in the story?
- What do you think will happen next?
- What do you think this book will be about?
- What part of the story was most exciting?

When? Where?

- Where did the story take place?
- When did the story take place?
- When did the character change in the story?

Why?

- Why did the character act the way they did?
- Why do you like this book?
- Why did the character do....

How?

- How would you describe the character?
- How is the problem solved?
- How else could the character have solved the problem?
- How did the character feel when...