



Parents use the “Core Four” techniques to help your child enjoy reading more! You can also help your child be more engaged in reading time AND increase their understanding of the story.

The first strategy of the Core Four is **PREDICT**

While looking at the cover, ask your child...

- What do you think this book will be about?
- Why do you think that?

The second strategy of the Core Four is **QUESTION**

While reading, pause to ask your child...

- I wonder... WHO that is?
- I wonder... WHAT are they doing, why?
- I wonder... HOW are they doing that?
- I wonder... WHERE this is happening/ where are they going?

The third strategy of the Core Four is **CLARIFY**

While reading, pause to ask your child...

- That’s a new word, do you understand it?
- How can we understand this sentence/word/situation?
- We can... Re read it, look for clues, sound it out.

The final strategy of the Core Four is **SUMMARIZE**

When you are finished reading, ask your child...

- What was this book about?
- Did we **PREDICT** correctly?
- Were you surprised by the end of the book? Why?