

Making the Most of Tutor Read Aloud

Best Practices for Supporting Student Comprehension:

- Ask a question every few pages or paragraphs
- Ask one question at a time
- Give your student at least seven seconds to answer
- Ask a balance of literal and inferential questions
- Follow up with additional questions or refer your student back to the text to clarify his or her response or to find text evidence
 - Prompts to encourage your student to find evidence:
 - “Show me how you know.”
 - “Point to the part in the text that makes you think that.”
 - “What happened in the story that gave you that idea?”
 - “What did the author say to make you think that?”



Literal	Inferential
Answer can be found in the text	Answer is not explicitly stated in the text
Requires the student to recall information	Requires the student to read between the lines and think abstractly
There is one correct answer	There is often more than one correct answer as long as it can be supported by the text
Questions begin with ‘who,’ ‘what,’ ‘where,’ and ‘when’	Questions begin with ‘why,’ and ‘how’

Best Practices for Supporting Vocabulary Knowledge:

- Ask your student to explain what the word means
- Provide a relevant example or visual to help your student understand the word
- Explain the meaning of Forever and Now Words to help support comprehension
- Add Forever Words to the Word Net or Wondrous Words Journal
- Revisit and repeatedly use Forever Words

