

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



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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!