



Chapter One x The Story Project

Questions and comments to support children's wellbeing during 1:1 reading sessions

Nurture, Comfort and Connection

Are you comfortable?
Shall we take a deep breath before we get started?
How do you feel about reading today?
How do you feel about this book?
Have you ever been to (place referenced in the book)?
I'm excited to read this book because...

Tip: Think about your tone of voice and how you can make the story as engaging as possible.

Emotional Vocabulary

How do you think the characters in the story are feeling?
How do you know?
Have you ever felt that way?
Can you think of any other words to describe that feeling?
I felt when...

Tip: Ask children to demonstrate their understanding of an emotion by showing the related emotion in their tone of voice.

The Story Laboratory

How would you react if you were in the same situation as the character?
Would you react in the same way as the character or differently?
Would you change the story in any way?

Tip: There are no right or wrong answers, just let children have the opportunity to explore how they would react in different scenarios.

Windows, Mirrors and Doors

Shall we choose a book about something we don't know about today?
Shall we choose a book about a topic we love today?
Do you think all children would react in the same way as the character? Who would or wouldn't?
How old do you think the child is in the story? How do you know? How would an older or younger child react?

Tip: Encourage children to think about the story from different perspectives and to choose books featuring a range of characters if possible.