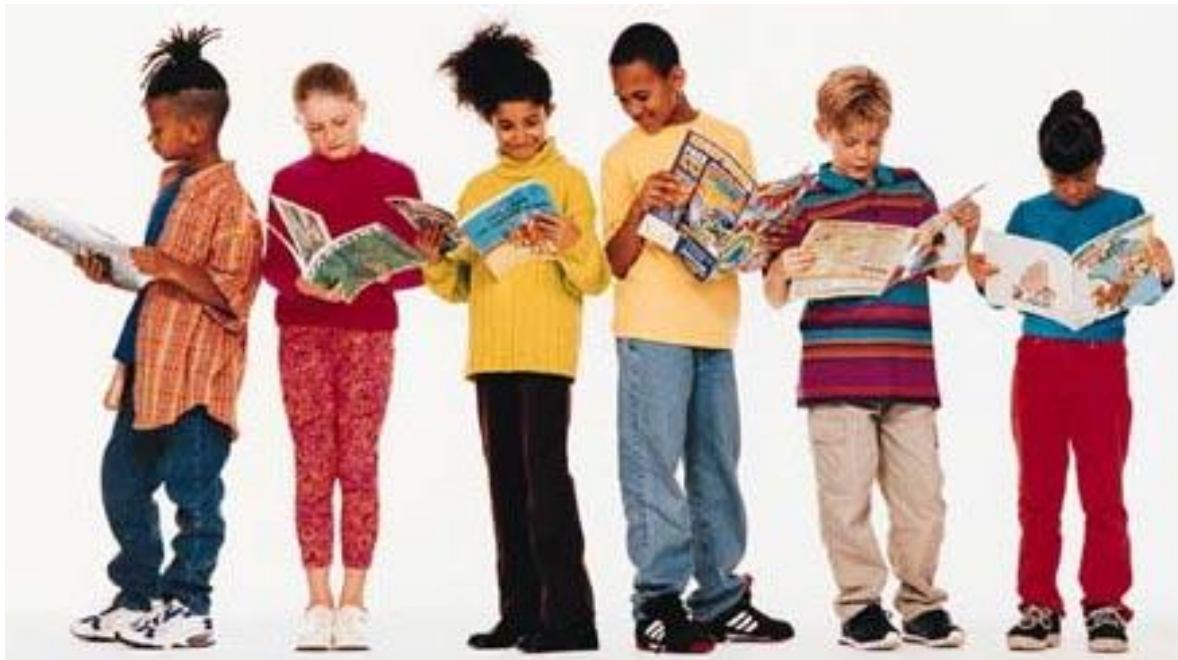


# HOW TO DEVELOP YOUR CHILD'S READING



# Do you have a favourite read?

A great book (was it written for a child or adult, or both?)

A weekly magazine

The IKEA catalogue

The local paper

The holiday brochure



Why is it so special?



It reminds me of...

I can forget everything else...

I can imagine that...

I can learn more about...

I can be someone else...



# What Can You Do to Help Your Child?

## Be a great role model:

- Let them catch you reading.
- Find some time in the week to read yourself.
- Let your children see that you get pleasure from reading.
- Share your favourite books /reading material with them.
- Show them the value of being able to read.

# What Can You Do to Help Your Child?

Make the experience pleasurable

- Find a comfortable place
- Give plenty of time
- Avoid interruptions – make a ‘special’ time.
- Keep the time positive
- Stay clear of ‘competition’ and comparisons with the ability of others- ‘readingschemeitis’!

# What Can You Do to Help Your Child?

## Provide a wide range of reading material

A school reading book is only one part of a child's reading repertoire.

- Books (picture books; short stories; chapter books); magazines, comics, annuals, membership handbooks
- Information books; brochures, catalogues, flyers, newspapers (First News), guide-books.
- Websites ; take-away menus; instructions;
- Visit the library and or bookshop.

# What Can You Do to Help Your Child?

Where can I find out about 'good' books for my child?

- Word of mouth – children, their friends, other parents, friends and family
- Teaching Staff
- Bookshops – Waterstones (other book retailers are available!)
- Local Libraries – a wealth of knowledge!
- Online – a wealth of recommendations and reviews (children can often add their own review too.)

# What Can You Do to Help Your Child?

## Recommended Websites:

[www.booksforkeeps.co.uk](http://www.booksforkeeps.co.uk)

[www.cool-reads.co.uk](http://www.cool-reads.co.uk)

[www.ukchildrensbooks.co.uk](http://www.ukchildrensbooks.co.uk)

[www.booktrusted.com](http://www.booktrusted.com)

[www.redhouse.co.uk](http://www.redhouse.co.uk)

[www.lovereading4schools.co.uk](http://www.lovereading4schools.co.uk)



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## Recommended Books:

[Who next?: A Guide to Children's Authors](#)

[Book Trust: Best Book Guide](#)

[Waterstone's: Guide to Kid's Books](#)

[70 Tried and Tested: Great Books to Read Aloud](#)

# What Can You Do to Help Your Child?

But my child can read, how can I help their reading develop?

Provide the texts

Provide the time

Provide the atmosphere

Provide the role model

Discuss what they are choosing to read

Discuss what they are reading

Ask questions about the text (more to follow...)

# How Do We Teach Reading At School?

## Guided Reading

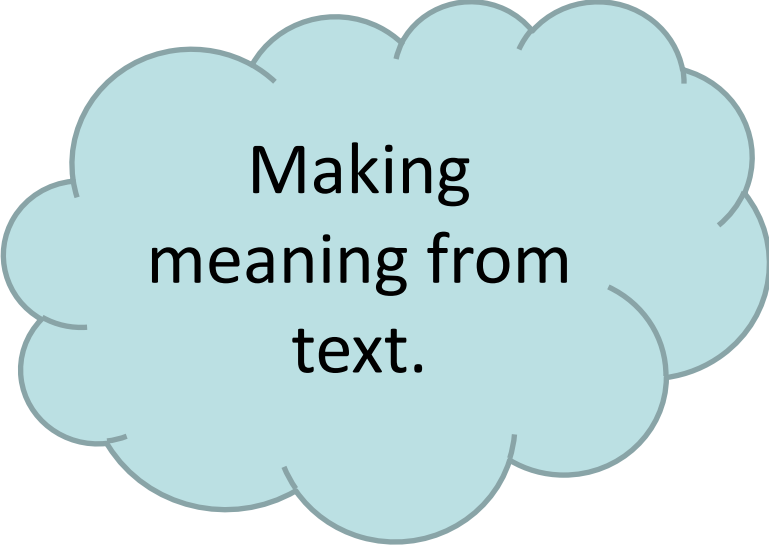
- **Working in small groups, reading and /or discussing reading**

## Individual Reading

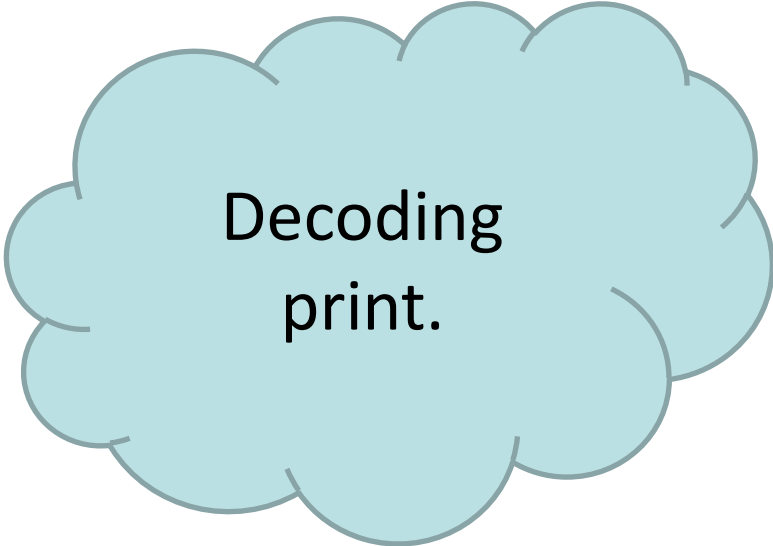
- **To a member of staff; parent; volunteer; to partner; self**

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## What is reading?

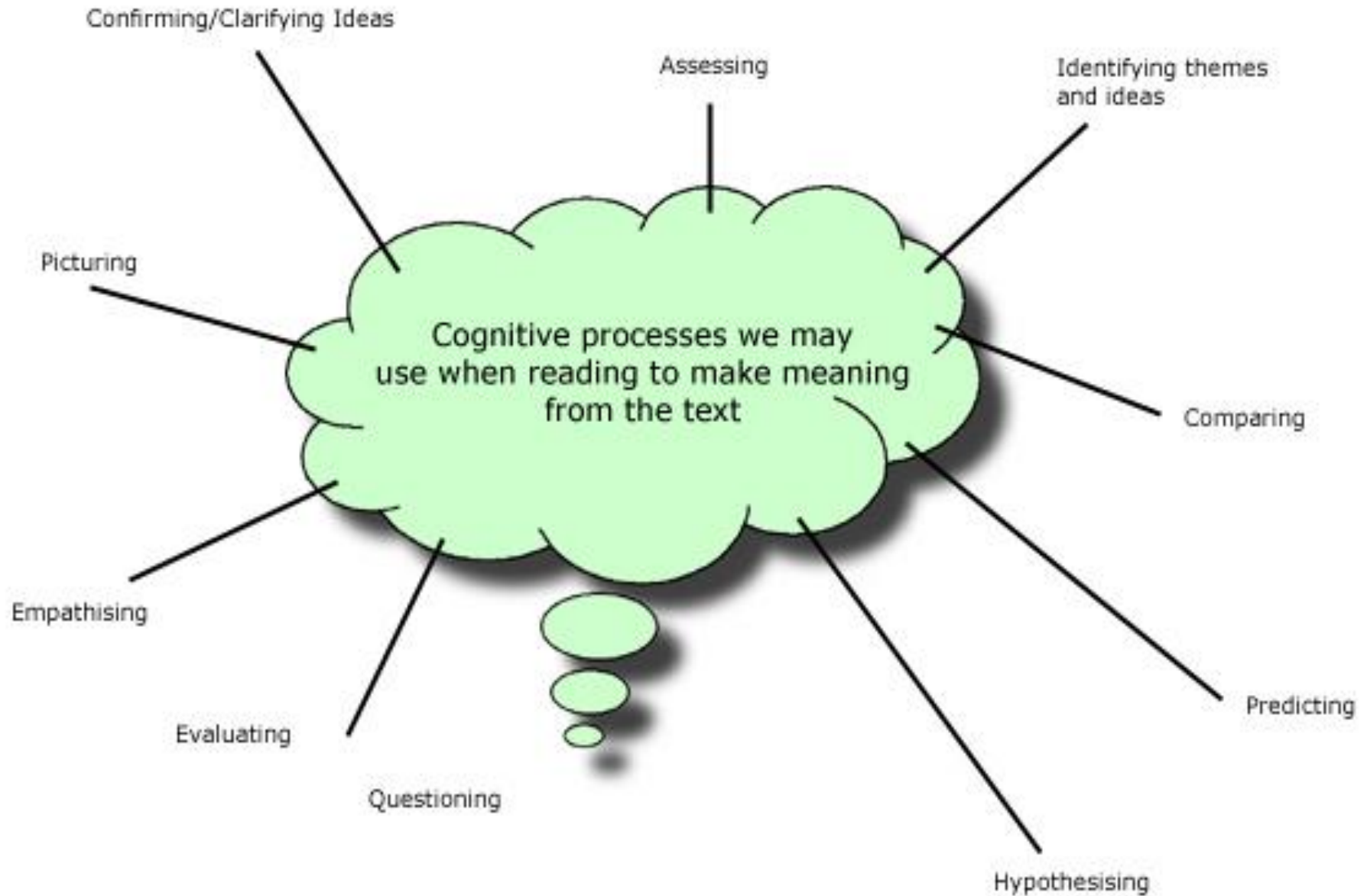


Making  
meaning from  
text.



Decoding  
print.

# How Do We Teach Reading At School?



**What do we do  
when we read?**

Make predictions or give opinions, then decide if we are right

Think about why the writer has used certain features e.g. layout and words

Decide whether we think it is a good book or not

Work out the main characters and the main themes

Think of questions that we want to find out the answers to

Try to understand what the author's message is

Decide whether we agree with what characters do, or how our lives are the same or different to theirs

Compare the book to others that we have read

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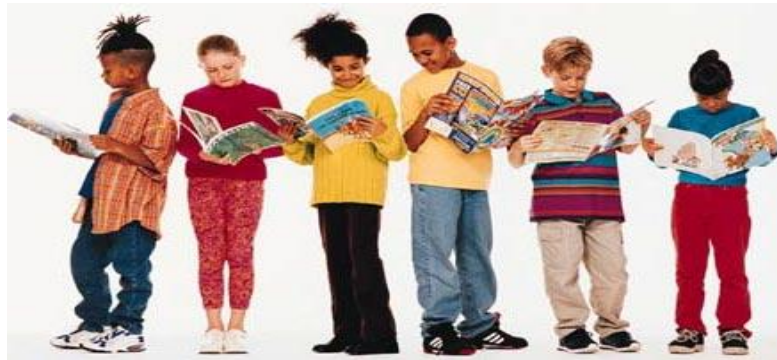
Discuss the texts.

Use and or adapt some of the question prompts to help you. (see handout)

Writing a comment in your child's Reading Record Book.

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Thank you for coming this evening.  
Your commitment is very much appreciated.



Staff are available to discuss your child's reading – please look at the examples of age appropriate books and samples of tests we use in school.

