

Narration Resources

Narration Prompts

- What did I read?
- Tell me all you remember.
- What happened in order?
- What can you tell me about this?
- Tell me the story back in your own words.

Personal Questions

- What do you think about...?
- Do you agree with...?
- What did you learn?
- Describe your favorite part.
- Do you have any questions about what we read?
- Would you like to live during this time?

Narration Helps

- Do you remember the part about...
- I'll narrate the first half, and then you narrate the ending.
- I'm going to narrate the parts you left out.

Synthetic Questions

- Does this story remind you of any other stories you know?
- Why did they choose to do that?
- What might have happened if they had chosen to do...instead of...?
- What other choices might have been made?
- Would you do the same thing that they did?

Hands-on Ideas

- Draw a picture of what we read.
- Make a notebook page.
- Make a model.
- Record a video/audio narration.
- Act out a scene from the book.
- Draw a map.

Principles and Best Practice for Narration

- Read the information only once.
- Do not interrupt with questioning.
- Corrections or completions are done after the child has finished.
- Review the information before the next read.
- Narration should always be the child's own work.
- Narrations may be: Partial, Brief, Complete, Thorough, Detailed, Expanded

Encouragement

- That was a good narration! I can see exactly what happened!
- I love the words and phrases you used to describe what happened.
- I appreciate that you included so many great details.
- Wow! You really understood that story well!