

A powerful strategy to help children understand how we as adults process text is by thinking aloud. Please use the prompts below to help you, help your child deepen their understanding of texts read.

### **Think Aloud Prompts**

#### **Monitoring and adjusting comprehension**

- That doesn't make sense to me because...
- I didn't understand that last part, I'd better go back...
- I still don't understand what that means, I'm going to try...

#### **Activating relevant prior knowledge**

- I know some things about...
- That reminds me of...
- That fits/doesn't fit with what I know about...

#### **Generating questions and responses**

- I wonder...
- I notice...
- It's interesting /frustrating/exciting/etc. that...

#### **Attending to and uncovering text structures**

- I think this is organized by...
- This section talked all about... so I think this next section will talk about...
- Looking at these headings/titles/graphics/etc., I see that...

#### **Summarizing**

- So far I've read that...
- I think the main points of this are...
- This was about...