

Comprehension Strategy Lesson Plans and Practice Pages

The following preview shows all of the comprehension strategy resources for Just Me and My Mom by Mercer Mayer

Asking Questions Lesson Plan

Just Me and My Mom
By: Mercer Mayer
Grade Level: 1 / Guided Reading Level: 1

Asking Questions

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Get Ready To Read

- Learn about the book
- Get your brain ready to read
- Understand the meaning of important words found in the book

2

Learn About Comprehension Strategies

- Read about the text
- Think about how you feel when you get confused

Summary

Just Me and My Mom by Mercer Mayer tells the story of Little Critter's special day in the city with his mom. He tries hard to be helpful, but things don't always turn out right. From losing their train tickets to being asked to leave the museum because he has touched too many things, Little Critter's mom remains patient. She is even okay with a holiday instead of a fancy lunch when Little Critter's special guest gets them asked to leave once again. Will their day turn around and be a success or will his mom grow tired of Little Critter's mistakes?

Link to What You Know

- Do you think your mom is patient? What does it mean to be patient?
- Have you ever gotten in trouble for doing something that weren't sure you did wrong?

Important Words to Know and Understand

Tired - Feeling the need to rest or sleep
Bought - Paid money for something

Why Readers Ask Questions While Reading

Readers ask questions because it makes reading much more interesting. By asking questions readers can turn a text into a treasure hunt where their job is to find the answers to their questions. When readers ask questions, they think about what they already know and what they want to find out.

When you choose a book, it's important to ask questions before you read. Read the title, the back cover, and look at the cover art. What are you curious about? What do you hope to learn from reading the book?

You should also ask questions while you read. Try asking questions that help you answer who or what the book is about where or when the story takes place.

Last, it's important to ask questions after you read a book. Asking questions after reading will help you decide whether or not you understood what you read. Ask questions if you are confused or are wondering about something.

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Guided Reading Level

Activate Prior Knowledge

Page by Page Guide and Strategy Questions

Turn, Talk, and Reflect

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Ask Questions While Reading

- Try asking questions that begin with "I wonder..." or "why..."
- Decide whether or not your questions

Time to Read

Stop on the following pages. Think about the questions for each page. Then talk with a reading partner or write your thoughts down in your notebook.

Page 9 - What have you noticed about Little Critter so far? What question would you like to ask him?

Page 13 - Little Critter is on stage with the seal and his mom looks upset. What are you wondering about this part of the story?

Page 17 - Little Critter and his mom have a hotdog from a stand. What questions do you have after reading this page? How does asking questions help you as a reader?

Page 19 - Mom bought Little Critter a new suit. What question do you have after reading this page? What do you think the suit is?

Page 21 - Little Critter and his mom take a taxi to the train station and the driver goes real fast. What would you like to know more about after reading this page?

4

Notice the Work You Did While Reading

- Think
- Talk
- Reflect
- Write

Time to Reflect

Think - When readers ask questions, they think about what they need to know in order to really understand a book. Because no two readers are the same, your questions will usually be different from other people who are reading the same book. What question did you ask that helped you to really understand or enjoy *Just Me and My Mom*?

Talk - Tell your reading partner about the most important question you asked while reading. Explain how you answered your question and why the answer helped you.

Reflect - Think about the questioning work you did while reading *Just Me and My Mom*. Which types of questions helped you the most? Is there anything that you are still wondering about? If so, how can you answer your question?

Write - Glue your Strategy Slip into your Reader's Notebook. Write about the work you did while reading *Just Me and My Mom*. (Remember to include examples from the book!)

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Key Vocabulary

Explanation of Strategy

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Make Connections While Reading

- Look for things that remind you of something you already know
- Look for things that remind you of something you are curious about
- Look for things that remind you of something you are wondering about

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Make Inferences While Reading

- Look for clues that help you understand what is going on
- Look for clues that help you understand why things are happening
- Look for clues that help you understand what is going to happen next

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Determine Importance While Reading

- Look for things that are important to the story
- Look for things that are important to the characters
- Look for things that are important to the setting

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Retelling and Summarizing

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Retell and Summarize While Reading

- Think about the story as you read
- Think about the characters as you read
- Think about the setting as you read

4

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Retelling and Summarizing

Answer Key for Determining Importance with Just Me and My Mom

Your Turn to Practice Determining Importance with Just Me and My Mom

Pages 1 to 2: Little Critter and his mom are going to the city. Look at the *Balloon* on pages 1 and 2. Where do Little Critter and his mom live? Why is the balloon so important?

Answer Key for Making Inferences with Just Me and My Mom

Your Turn to Practice Making Inferences with Just Me and My Mom

Page 13: Little Critter is on stage with the seal and his mom looks upset. What question would you like to ask him? How does Little Critter and his mom look when they are on stage? What do you think is going on?

Answer Key for Asking Questions with Just Me and My Mom

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Answer Key for Making Connections with Just Me and My Mom

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Page 17: Little Critter and his mom have a hotdog from a stand. What questions do you have after reading this page? How does asking questions help you as a reader? How does Little Critter and his mom look when they are on stage? What do you think is going on?

Answer Key for Retelling and Summarizing with Just Me and My Mom

Your Turn to Practice Retelling and Summarizing with Just Me and My Mom

Page 22: It's time to go home. What is different about buying the train tickets this time? How does Little Critter feel about the change? How does Little Critter and his mom look when they are on stage? What do you think is going on?

Practice Pages and Answer Keys

Writing About Reading with Optional CCSS Alignment

Strategy and Text Based Reader's Response Prompt

Common Core State Standard

"I Can" Statement

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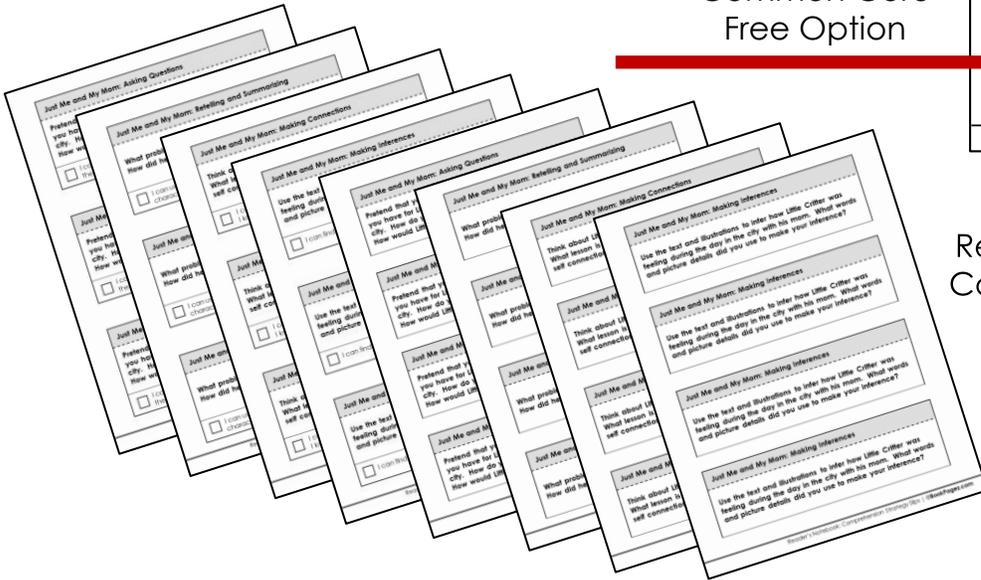
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Common Core Free Option

Reading Response Prompts for Each Comprehension Strategy Lesson Plan



5 Comprehension Strategy Graphic Organizers

Retelling and Summarizing

Title: _____

What is this book about?

Draw a picture or write a sentence for each box below.

First	Next
Then	Last

Directions:
1. Answer each of the questions.
2. Carefully cut out the dotted line.
3. Glue, tape, or staple into your Reader's Notebook.

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Retelling and Summarizing

Making Connections

Title: _____

Think about the book. What does the book remind you of?

What type of connection did you make?
 Text-to-Text Text-to-Text Text-to-World

Draw a picture of your connection in the box below.

Directions:
1. Answer each of the questions.
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Making Connections

Making Inferences

Title: _____

What the Text Says	What I Know	What I Can Infer
Write down what the text pictures.	Write down what you know about the book.	Write down thoughts, clues, setting.

Draw a picture to illustrate your inference.

Directions:
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Making Inferences

Determining Importance

Title: _____

Think about the book. Write all of the important information in the thought bubble below.

Now determine 3 BIG ideas, events, words, or facts that are important to you. Draw a picture to illustrate the most important parts of your book.

#1 _____

#2 _____

#3 _____

Directions:
1. Answer each of the questions.
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Determining Importance

Asking Questions

Title: _____

Question Sentence Starter

I wonder... Why didn't... How does...
I am confused... I am curious about... I am not sure about... why...

Question	Answer
Question	Answer
Question	Answer

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