

Wh Question Sheet for an Emerging to Beginner level

Who Is a person	What Is a thing or action	Where Is a place	When Is a time
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Tips to using Wh Questions while reading a story

1. If your child is at a pre-emergent level, where perhaps they are just starting to understand 'what' questions, start with tangible toys and show them the 'what' picture. For example, if you fill a bucket with small toys that they are familiar with labelling, (car, action figure, crayon) have them close their eyes and pick from the bucket. The child can then respond to "what is this" and label the correct item.
2. If your child is at an emerging level (starting to demonstrate consistency in understanding these concepts), you can try reading simple books (i.e. Elephant and Piggy) and ask these questions after each page. Model for your child; "Who broke the toy? Let's look at the picture. Piggy broke the toy."
3. If your child is slightly more familiar with 'Wh' questions, they may be able to answer these questions independently but provide them with the pictures.
4. If your child is consistently able to respond to 'Wh' questions, try reading a short book (i.e. Clifford) and ask them the questions and if they can expand further you can move on to why questions and 'what will happen next?'

If you do not have access to books at home, contact your child's teacher, learning support teacher or speech-language pathologist and we can provide online tools to access books.