

# Reading Bear's Advice Column

Dear Reading Bear,

Do you know any quick comprehension tricks I can teach my child?

Out of Tricks Parent

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I use these comprehension tricks after Baby Bear, Sister Bear, and I watch a TV show or read a book. The four tricks are:

- **summarize** - ask your child to retell a story in just a few sentences
- **predict** – ask your child what might happen next
- **context** – show your child how to figure out the meaning of an unfamiliar word based on other words and pictures around it
- **monitor** – explain how to pause while reading in order to ask himself/herself whether he/she knows what is happening, and if not, to re-read the sentence again

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**p.s.**

**Don't forget to read to your child for at least 15 minutes each day.**