

## **Questions you can ask when listening to a child read:**

### **Decoding unfamiliar words**

- What do you do if you are stuck on a word?
- Where do you start reading the word?  
Where do you look first?
- Can you show me what you do if you get stuck?
- What sound does this letter make? (Point from left to right across word, not randomly).
- When you put those sounds together, what word does it say?  
Can you tell me the word?

### **Character Comprehension**

- Have you seen the characters in this story before/ in another book?  
What book have you read about them in before?
- Why do you think that this character acted in this way?  
How do you think that they feel about it?

### **Self-Assessment**

- Do you think that you are a good reader?
- What do you find easy/easier about reading?  
What do you find more difficult/hard/tricky about reading?
- What do you think would make you an even better reader?  
How could you improve your reading?

### **Preferences, likes and dislikes**

- What did you like about this book?  
And why do you like that?
- Is there anything you don't like about this book?  
Why is that?
- What books do you like to read?
- Do you have a favourite book that you like to read?
- Do you like story books or fact books?
- What type of stories do you like?  
Happy stories/sad stories/funny stories?
- Who chose this book?  
Did you choose the book yourself?  
Did somebody help you to choose it?  
Did you choose it yourself with no help?
- Have you read this book before today?  
Is this a new book that you haven't read before?  
Do you know anything about it already?
- Do you enjoy reading?
- What books has your teacher read to your class?  
Which books have you enjoyed that they have read?  
And why have you enjoyed them?