Talking while reading: prompts for parents

Name _____

Card for parents and teachers

Reading aloud together builds vocabulary and language. These prompts turn your child into the storyteller (dialogic reading).

1. **Finish the sentence** ☐
   Pause and let your child fill in a word: “The cat sat on the…”
2. **Ask about it** ☐
   “What is happening here?” “Why is the boy sad?”
3. **Open questions** ☐
   Point to a picture and ask your child to tell you about it.
4. **What happened?** ☐
   Ask about the story after reading: “What did the bear do first?”
5. **Connect to life** ☐
   “Have you ever been to a farm like this?”

Repeat what your child says and add a little: “Dog!” “Yes, a big brown dog.”