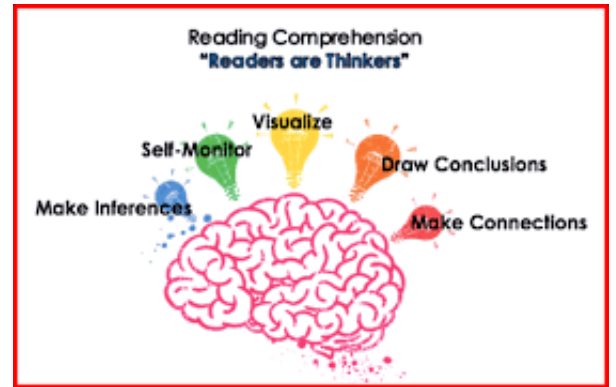


## The Balanced Reader: Comprehension

The three important skills to become a balanced reader are decoding, fluency and phrasing and comprehension.

The simplest definition of reading comprehension is to understand what you read. Good readers work at understanding and they are active throughout the reading process. Reading comprehension requires interaction with the text in various ways.



Parents and kids can do some fun reading comprehension activities at home to help improve their language and reading skills. Here are some everyday reading comprehension activities for parents and kids:

### 1. Read, read, read!

Read to your children every day. Make it part of your bedtime routine, an after-dinner activity, or a fun way to spend time together on the couch.

### 2. Set a good example by letting your children see you read.

Show them that reading is a good choice for a leisure activity and sure beats watching TV. Talk about the book you're reading. Listening to you summarize your book teaches your children how to take what they've read, absorb it and condense it.