

# Year 4 Reading Comprehension: A Step-by-Step Guide for Parents

This step-by-step explanation to reading comprehension can help you support your child's learning at home. Each subject is broken down into manageable chunks, providing you with a simple guide to follow when exploring reading. Whether your child is learning to find simple information in a text or is ready for questions that involve more 'reading between the lines', this guide will give you ideas of activities that support your child's reading and steps of where to go next.

Within **this area of the website**, you will find a selection of resources intended to help your child learn about each step of this guide. Each step also contains a keyword or phrase that you can use to search the Twinkl site for more resources and activities designed to support your child in achieving that stage. Simply type the keyword or phrase into the search bar and press enter to explore together.

 

We hope you find the information on our website and resources useful. The contents of this resource are for general, informational purposes only. This guide is intended to offer parents general guidance on what subject areas tend to be covered in their child's year group and where they could support their children at home. However, please be aware that every child is different and information can quickly become out of date. There are some subject areas that we have intentionally not covered due to the nature of how they are taught or because a trained professional needs to teach these areas. We try to ensure that the information in our resources is correct but every school teaches the national curriculum in its own way. If you would like further guidance or are unsure in any way, we recommend that you speak to your child's teacher or another suitably qualified professional.

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## How Does Teaching Reading Change at Junior Level?

In year 4, you will want your child to be reading whole books and understanding the story as it develops. Picking the right book is important, so if you need a helping hand with a Year 4 Book List, click on the link in the Brilliant Book List box below. Try using an internet search engine to read about some of the books and choose one your child really fancies.

## How Do I Pick Books for My Junior Child?

From year 3 onwards, the importance of your child choosing books for themselves and learning which books they prefer grows. Visiting a library helps your child select what they wish to read from a wider range of books; librarians can assist you and your child in selecting books and can advise your child on which authors are similar to their favourites.

## How Do I Help to Build Comprehension Skills with My Child?

Reading aloud and acting out poems and playscripts are an important part of building your child's comprehension skills. Younger juniors benefit from talking about their reading, especially explaining what is happening. Developing the ability to explain understanding in words with someone you trust helps your child to write their understanding in comprehension activities later.

### Brilliant Book List

Our Twinkl **Brilliant Book List for Year 4** gives a great range of suggestions for children, including traditional and modern books on a huge range of topics. Fiction and non-fiction titles are included, to suit every child.

### Research Spiders

While reading Charlotte's Web, why not tap into your child's non-fiction understanding and enhance their research skills by using this **Spider Research Frame**? It will help them look up and record a range of interesting facts.

### Draw the Word Game

Expanding your vocabulary through drawing games can be great fun. Write the names of animals and insects on a set of cards then take turns turning a card over privately and drawing what is written on it. When someone guesses, they get the point. Use a big pad or a child's chalkboard to make the drawing even more of a focal point.



## Reading Together: Charlotte's Web

Try reading a book together, sharing it at bedtimes and weekends. Always choose a comfy place to read and be sure not to rush this special time with your child. Try reading Charlotte's Web with your child. As you read, talk about the characters and where you think the plot (storyline) will go next. This Charlotte's Web pack gives some questions you can use to develop reading and improves comprehension; it also provides activities that go with each chapter. Your child doesn't need to do all of them but selecting some activities on-screen will help you to support your child's development of comprehension skills.

## Quick Challenges: Charlotte's Web

These challenge posters are designed for use in schools but they're great as an activity to challenge your child while reading Charlotte's Web. If you show them on a tablet or laptop screen, there's no printing and your child can select an activity they prefer.

## Charlotte's Web Comprehension

Improve your child's comprehension skills with this lovely Charlotte's Web comprehension questions pack. If your child is finding reading and writing independently tricky then use the two-star resource. If they're coping well with the book and have understood it confidently, try the three-star version. There's a handy marking and assessment guide included for each version.

## Take Your Pick!

This bumper pack of comprehensions is awash with themes that your child will love. From Usain Bolt to Roald Dahl, there are comprehensions themed to suit every child. As the previous steps focus on building your child's comprehension of fiction texts, many of the texts in this bumper pack are non-fiction.