


Writing activities enhance reading comprehension



Encourage your child to use reading as inspiration for writing. When students write about something they've read, their creative juices start flowing while they strengthen reading comprehension and analysis skills. Suggest that your child:

- **Write a sequel.** What happens after the last page in a favorite book? Encourage your child to write one more chapter. Your child might wrap up the story or perhaps send the characters on another adventure. Or, your child could write a *prequel*—a chapter that comes before the book starts.
 - **Write a letter to the author.** Have your child write a review in the form of a letter. What did your child like or dislike about the story? What would your child have changed? Are there things that your child would still like to know?
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- A photograph of a young boy with dark curly hair and glasses, wearing a light blue button-down shirt. He is sitting at a desk, focused on writing in a notebook with a yellow pencil. There are several stacks of books on the desk around him, and the background is slightly blurred, showing a classroom or library setting.

- **Keep a character diary.** Have your child imagine being a character in the story who is keeping a diary. Your child can write diary entries about several of the main events that happen throughout the course of the book. How would that character react to each event? (Your child can also try writing from the point of view of a minor character to encourage even further character analysis.)