



What Did You Learn?



Learn the Tip

1. **Tell the topic:** Invite your child to tell you what the book was about overall.
2. **Tell the most important facts:** This is different than just what was interesting. It's the main idea or ideas. Think about what the author was trying to teach us about the topic. It could be several things. Invite your child to point out words and phrases in the book to back up their idea.
3. **Tell a fun or interesting fact:** Now talk about the most fascinating, most surprising, grossest, craziest, or unexpected things you both learned! Find the words or pictures that describe this fact.

Why this tip?

With nonfiction books, we can ask ourselves “what did I learn?” This way, we mentally organize the information and, more importantly, remember it!



Ask Your Child

For younger kids:

- What was this book all about? What was it mostly about?
- What was something that surprised you? Show me in the book where you learned that.
- What was something you already knew?

For older kids:

- What are you still wondering now that you finished this book?
- What is the author trying to teach us about this subject? Show me how you know.
- If you were to tell a friend about this book, what are the biggest things you'd share?



Playfully Practice

Talk with your child about something they'd like to learn more about. Make a list of what they already know about the topic and what they'd like to learn.

Then go online and explore that topic. Check off the list of things they'd like to learn as you find out information. Write down new questions.

Here are a few good places to start:

- www.kids.nationalgeographic.com
- www.dkfindout.com
- www.weatherwizkids.com
- www.pbslearningmedia.org