Grade 3 Playlist: Ask and Answer Questions

Aligns with CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.3.1:

• Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

Welcome

Readers should be able to answer questions about what they read. Those questions do not have to come from the teacher. To understand a story, it helps when readers asks their own questions. Asking and answering questions about a text gives readers a better understanding of the story, characters, and problems in a text.



Objectives

In this playlist, students will learn how to:

- ask questions to gain a better understanding of a text.
- refer to the text to answer questions.

Review

Key Terms

- **Asking questions means** trying to find out more about a story. Most questions begin with the question words *who, what, where, when, why,* and *how*.
- **Answering questions** is a way to make sure a reader understands a story. Good readers use details and examples from the text to help them explain their answers.

Exploring the Standard

A Closer Look: Asking Questions

Asking questions is important at all stages of the reading process. That means readers should ask questions before, during, and after reading. This chart shows examples of questions readers can ask at each stage.

Before		During	After
What do I already know about this topic/story?	- 1	Where does this story take place? How do I know?	How did the main character change over time?
What do I hope to learn about this topic?	- 1	Why did the main character make that choice?	What other story does this remind me of?
Based on the title and cover, what might happen in this story?		What does this word mean?	Does the information in this article match other articles on the same topic?

When reading a book, story, or article, readers should pause every once in a while. They should ask themselves whether it all makes sense. If it does not, readers should try to find answers to their questions.

The answers to many of the questions may simply come from rereading. Sometimes readers just need to read something twice to get a better understanding of what the author is saying. However, sometimes the answer comes later in the story. In this case, readers should write down their questions so that they can answer them later.

