



Language AT HOME

 When watching shows/ movies/ playing video games	 When reading and looking at pictures in books
<i>After you have finished, turn off the screen, and use the coloured boxes below to talk about what you have just seen.</i>	<i>While reading - talk about the story and the pictures.</i>

Who	Characters (people or animals). Players in a game.	Who	Characters in the story.
Where	The place (the setting) it happened.	Where	The place (the setting) the story happened.
What	What happened – the action.	What	What happened – the action
<i>Sentence Starters:</i>		<i>Sentence Starters:</i>	
The ...	They were ...	The ...	They are ...
He was...	She was ...	He is ...	She is ...

The problem that happens - something goes wrong.
How to fix the problem.
Something that is the same as your life. Something that is different to your life.

Think about your favourite character (person or animal).
Describe them – on the outside:
Size/ shape (big, little), Colour , Parts , Appearance (beautiful, ugly, cute, sparkly, hot), Category/ group : It is a ... , What is special about them?
Describe them – on the inside:
They felt...  Happy  Proud  Brave  Calm  Bored  Worried  Nervous  Sad  Frustrated  Angry

Think about and answer together:
- You could comment about the information.
- Instead of asking questions like, "Who was in the show?", try using the coloured boxes above as talking points.
"Let's talk about ...". See more examples below.
- If your child does want to answer a question, you can repeat their response back to them afterwards to model the correct sounds and words in the sentence.



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Examples

Examples of commenting:

Let's talk about who was in the show. There was... (*wait for the count of 1, 2, 3 in your head and then answer for them if they don't know*).

And they went to ...

There was a problem wasn't there ...

But they fixed it by ...

I can think of something you've done that's the same (or different) ...

Let's think of ways to describe him/her.

On the outside he/she looked ...

On the inside he/she felt ...

TV Show: Bluey - Hammerbarn episode - on ABC kids

It's about ...

Bluey and Bingo went to Hammerban (with Mum and Dad to buy a pizza oven).

They were playing in the trolley (with all of the shopping items).

The problem was they started fighting (because they wanted the same items all the time and a garden gnome broke).

They stopped fighting when they made a house together in the trolley (out of all of the paint sample cards).

It's just like when we go to Bunnings and sit in the trolley. But we've never made the trolley into a house!

Bluey is my favourite character.

She is a cute, little, blue (heeler) dog with ears and a tail.

She was angry that Bingo got better toys. She was happy playing house at the end.

Movie: The Lion King

It's about...

Simba the lion in (the pridelands of) Africa.

First he was a little lion (playing with his friend Nala). Then he ran away (when his father died). Finally he came back to become king.

The problem was (his Uncle) Scar became king.

When Simba grew up he came back and became king again (by fighting Scar).

It's very different to my life because I don't live in Africa and I'm not going to become king. I do like to play and sing like Simba though!

My favourite character is Simba.

He is a lion. He was little and yellow and cute and playful. He was also big with a mane and strong.

He was scared when he ran away but brave but he came back.

Book: The Very Hungry Caterpillar

It's about...

A caterpillar who is hungry and eats lots of food.

The problem is he eats too much and gets a tummy ache.

He makes a cocoon and turns into a butterfly.

I like eating cake and icecream just like the caterpillar. I don't turn into a butterfly though!

My favourite character is the butterfly.

It is beautiful and has rainbow colours on its wings.

I think the caterpillar would have been happy to turn into a beautiful butterfly.