

# Engage At Home

## Audiobook Activities

### Grades: 3-5

#### Activity 1: Motivate Students to Read

- **Step 1: Talk about books**

Students can talk with their families about books they remember reading when they were in grades 3-5. Ask what books they liked the most. Ask about the characters, setting, genre and any details that were interesting.

- **Step 2: Add the book**

Based on the discussion with your family member, add the book to your bookshelf.

- **Step 3: Discuss the book**

After reading the book, go back to the family member and talk about what you liked, what you found interesting or what you didn't like about the book.

#### Activity 2: Build Comprehension Skills

- **Step 1: Select a book**

Select a book from the Learning Ally library that is highlighted on our featured list for elementary, or search for a book together. A chapter book would be ideal for this activity. Click into the description to learn more about the book. Add the book you decide to your bookshelf.

- **Step 2: Before reading**

Before beginning the book, make a prediction on what the book will be about. Be detailed by thinking about the beginning, middle and end of the story. Write down your prediction in either words or pictures.

- **Step 3: During reading**

While you are reading the book, use the note-taking tool to make notes about whether your predictions were correct.

- **Step 4: After reading**

Once you have completed the book, go back to your prediction and see how accurate you were. You can do this by summarizing the book in words or pictures and then deciding if it matches your original prediction.

### Activity 1: Talk About Texts

- **Step 1: Understand why picture books are great ways to engage**  
Research shows us that when you have an opportunity to talk about books, you become engaged and can move into higher-order thinking. Even in middle school and high school, reading picture books can be highly engaging. Plus, picture books are quick and easy to read together.
- **Step 2: Select a picture book from the Learning Ally library**  
Open your Audiobook App, select "Add a Book". Browse the audiobooks available in the Middle or High school category. Select the book and add to your bookshelf.
- **Step 3: Read the book together**  
Read the book using Learning Ally with someone else in the family.
- **Step 4: Discuss the book**  
After reading the book discuss your impression of the book with each other. Is there a character that you related with? How does the book apply to you? Watch this [sample video](#) to learn more.

### Activity 2: Build Comprehension Skills with a book review

- **Step 1: Select a book**  
Select a book from the Learning Ally library that is highlighted on our featured list for middle or high school, or search for a book that is assigned by your teacher or parent. Add the book to your bookshelf.
- **Step 2: Make note of the comprehension skills to work on**  
Based on the cover of the book predict what the book will be about. While you read the book focus on the movie you are making in your mind. This is called visualizing. Jot down points for a summary. Think about how this book applies to you.
- **Step 3: Read the book**  
Read your book while focusing on points noted in Step 2.
- **Step 4: After reading**  
Once you have completed the book, record yourself doing a book review and share it with your family or with your teacher. [Check out this example!](#)