

Deciding what is essential information in order to make meaning of it

Talk about what is important in everyday life to help young children understand 'important'

Setting a purpose can help decide what is important

Determining Importance

Stop frequently while reading aloud and model your thinking for what is important in the story

Bold headings, titles, pictures, graphs, quotes, etc. give clues to what is important

"This is important right now because..."
"I think this is important because..."
"What does this title/picture tell you?"