

How to Read a Book

Chapter 3 Discussion Questions

1. The phonic method is a variant of an earlier-used synthetic method of learning to read. Describe this method. What is meant by the term synthetic? (p. 22)
2. A different approach to teaching reading is an analytical approach aptly described as “sight method.” Describe this method and discuss how it differs from synthetic methods. (p. 22)
3. What are the four stages of learning to read? (p. 24-25)
4. What is the risk of attempting to teach a child to read before they are ready to learn to read? (p. 24)
5. Discuss the difference between aided and unaided discovery and how these concepts factor into the Elementary Reading level (and subsequent reading levels). (p. 27)
6. Discuss what remedial reading instruction is and isn’t. (p. 28)