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## READING TIPS FOR PARENTS

**Read every day.** Read aloud to your child and have your child read aloud to you. Either way, make it a daily habit. Lead by example and let your children catch you reading daily, too.

**Change your pitch, change your rhythm.** Don't be a robot. Reading with inflection and expression makes a book much more fun to listen to. Encourage your child to do the same when they are reading to you. This also helps your child become a more fluent reader.

**Start with a smile.** Your child will be excited about reading if you are. Never use reading as a punishment. Smile and open a book together.

**Connect the text.** While you read, stop and ask questions and help your reader connect the story with themselves, another story, and something else that evokes a memory.

**Make predictions.** Have your child predict the story based on the cover art. Ask what do you know and what do you want to know before you read. Then, ask what did you learn after you read. You can even stop half way through the story and have your child predict the ending.

**Leave the electronics at home.** Encourage your child to bring a book along for a car trip or doctors appointment instead of technology.

**Ask higher-level questions.** The passage says the car was blue. Don't only ask what color was the car. Ask questions that go beyond literal questions. Ask questions that have children infer meaning, explain a cause and effect, or detail a sequence of events.

**Wait for it. Give your child time to think.** Wait 10 seconds before giving your child the pronunciation of a word or answer to a question.

**Go on a word hunt.** Choose a few vocabulary words, a few words with the same sounds, or a certain prefix or suffix and see how many words with that characteristic you can find.

**Read it all.** Spice it up by having your child read both fiction and nonfiction.



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**Comprehension is hard.** Use graphic organizers. If your child is struggling to find meaning or remember details in a story, help by giving him or her a visual way to remember. Story maps, venn diagrams, and cause vs effect comparison charts are great tools.

**Don't be an over achiever.** Help your child choose a book that is appropriate for their reading level. A book that is too easy will not push them enough. A book that is too hard will cause frustration and make them shut down. The five-finger rule is a great way to choose an appropriately leveled book.

**Play word games.** Gone are the days of memorizing flash cards. Make vocabulary fun by creating silly sentences that use one or more new words. Play tic-tac-toe with vocabulary by allowing the child to put an X if they can correctly define the word. Or go on a word hunt to find certain vocabulary in a book you are reading.

**Every sentence has a clue.** Help your child learn how to use context clues within a sentence to decode and figure out unfamiliar words.

**Break it up.** Helping your child to break up words into syllables, sounds, or prefix and stem words can help them figure out words they have never seen before.

**Did that make sense?** Let your child make a misread a word. Then go back and ask them "did that sentence make sense." They will more than likely figure out the incorrect pronunciation and fix their mistake.

**Phonics are your friend.** Learn more about the strategies that your child is currently working on in the classroom. To check for understanding, have your child teach you their new skill.