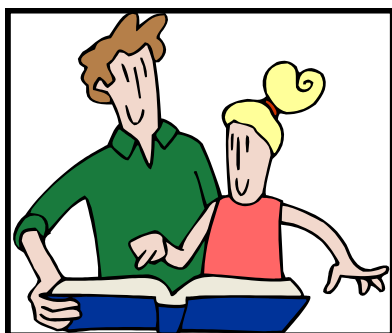




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# Top Reading tips for parents



## TOP 5 READING TIPS



1. LOOK

Do you know a word that looks like this? **make/take**

2. THINK

Does it make sense?

3. S-T-R-E-T-C-H  
N'SQUASH

Sound it out p-e-n



4. Do pictures help?



horse

5. Read it again

Does your word fit in?

What?

Why?

Where?

Remember to ask questions:

- Questions they can find the answer to in the text.
- Questions about the meaning of individual words.
- Questions about what will happen next.
- Questions where they need to give an opinion.
- Questions about what they enjoyed and why.

When?

Who?

How?





- Make reading an enjoyable experience for the child (consider when, where etc).
- Take them down to the library/bookshop to look at books.
- Look at text in the environment such as signs, posters etc, so they see the point of reading.
- Read to your child, even if they can read, as they benefit from being read to.
- Let them see you reading - letters, internet, newspapers, leaflets, magazines.

- Encourage use of meaning when looking at an unknown word - does that make sense?
- Use pictures to support decoding of unknown word - does it begin with the right sound?
- Book needs to be at right level - 1 error per 20 words, otherwise all your child's effort will be on decoding, not understanding.
- Talk about the book before you begin - discuss the author, the page layout and talk about any difficult words.
- Give praise and encouragement - children value this from parents.



- Let the child hold the book, point to words and turn pages.
- **Don't** jump in when your child makes a mistake - let the child read to the end of the sentence. Sometimes they will correct it themselves - if not, ask them if it makes sense.
- Wait 6 - 10 seconds before telling them the word.
- Praise must be specific, e.g. "I liked the way you corrected that word at the end of the sentence."
- Encourage the child to sound out the word.