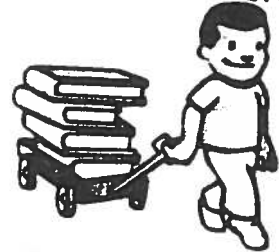




How to read a book with your child

1. Find a book your child is interested in, let him or her pick it out, if possible.
 - a. If it is too difficult for him or her to read, you read it to them. Let them talk about the pictures.
 - b. If your child misses five or more words per page you might offer to keep the story flowing by reading every other page, paragraph, or sentence.
 - c. If it is too easy, let your child read it anyway to build fluency and confidence.
2. Encourage your child to read to grandparents, little brothers and sisters, neighbor children, and of course, you and your spouse.
3. Generally just tell him or her the words that he/she doesn't know. Sometimes you might ask your child to look at the first letter of the word and tell you what sound it makes. See if that clue helps him or her identify the word. Resist the temptation to say things like "You knew that word yesterday, why don't you remember it?" or "You're not trying."
4. Discuss the story. Ask your child questions like "What would have happened if...?" or "Why do you think Jerry did that?" Ask factual questions. Ask questions that make your child give you more than "yes" or "no" answers.
5. Praise your child lavishly for his or her progress. Look for things on which to sincerely compliment; such as remembering a difficult word, being attentive, completing a story, reading a new word, or reading with expression.



Rule of Thumb for Selecting Appropriate Reading Material...



RULE OF THUMB:

Choose a middle page
with a lot of words.
Start reading. If you
come to a word you don't
know, put down your thumb.
If you find another, put
down your first finger, etc.
If you use up all your
fingers the book is too
hard (5 words missed), so
put it back and try another.

BE SURE YOU LIKE THE BOOK!