

Strategies To Teach Your Child To Read

Look at the first word.

Get your mouth ready to read.

How does the word begin?

Read it all the way through.

Skip the word.

Does that word make sense?

Does the word look right?

Does that word sound right?

Go back and reread the whole sentence.



Reading Strategies For Emergent Readers



- Read the introduction of the book with your child. Walk through the book looking at the pictures to guess what happens in the story, before reading the words.
- Read the first page to your child, tracing each word with your finger.
- Let your child touch the word themselves and read the rest of the story whilst doing so.
- As the child reads, let them trace the words like you did.
- If your child gets stuck on a word, get them to look at the pictures and try to guess what the word might be.
- If the child is still stuck, start supplying the word by sounding out the first syllable. Then the next, and the next until they get it. For a bit of fun, supply a ridiculous word that obviously isn't right, just for a chuckle.

Tips

- Always praise and encourage the child.
- Be patient and supportive when they are stuck.
- Be as expressive as you can when reading. If a character in the story is shocked and surprised, **be** shocked and surprised yourself.
 - “Well done, you couldn't get that word before, but you can now!”
 - “Wow, you're really reading better than you used to”
 - “I like the way you sounded angry – just like Ned in the story”
 - “It's great having you read to me, it's a really interesting book, isn't it”
- Make the book more interesting for the child by getting him or her to engage with it.
 - “How do you think Peppa felt when her dog ran away?”
 - “I wonder what will happen to the eggs when that chicken lays them. What do you think?”
 - “What would you have done if you were the farmer?”