

# Tips to Help Support Your Beginning Reader



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Reading books with your child can support language development and learning in many ways. Incorporating some of these tips can help develop your child's reading skills.

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- 1. Provide a consistent time and place to read together.**  
Make it a positive experience so that your child will look forward to your time together.
- 2. Practice at least three to four nights a week for at least 15 to 20 minutes.**  
The extra practice reading aloud with school materials can help your child read more fluently, accurately, smoothly and with expression.
- 3. Listen to your child read.**  
This is an effective way to help your child become a better reader. The effort you take to make this an enjoyable time also can help your child have a positive attitude about school.
- 4. Talk with your child's teacher.**  
Know what has been assigned for reading homework and help your child keep on task.
- 5. Have your child bring home his class reader, other class books, and library books so that you can listen to your child read the day's assigned reading.**  
This can help improve your child's reading comprehension.
- 6. Wait before helping your child when he makes a mistake.**  
Sometimes other words in the sentence can help him figure out the unknown word.
- 7. Praise your child for correcting himself and using clues to figure out words on his own.**  
This will help build your child's reading confidence.
- 8. Provide help without telling them the word if they are unsuccessful at first.**  
The more often you listen to your child read, the more his or her reading is likely to improve.
- 9. Make time to read aloud together often.**  
This can help your child enjoy reading and become more confident about his or her reading. It also improves vocabulary, accuracy, and comprehension.
- 10. Keep a variety of reading materials available throughout your home.**  
The more your child is exposed to books and reading materials, the more interested he or she will be in learning to read.