

1. Create a routine

Set aside a quiet time with no distractions. Ten minutes a night is ideal when sharing a story, practicing phonics cards or reading to your child.

4. Be positive If your child says something nearly right to start with that is fine. Don't say 'No. That's wrong, ' but 'Let's read it together' and point to the words as you say them. Boost your child's confidence with constant praise for even the smallest achievement.

6. Book Talk

There is more to being a good reader than just being able to read the words accurately. Always talk to your child about the book; about the pictures, the characters, how they think the story will end, their favourite part. You will then be able to see how well they have understood what they have read and you will help them to develop good comprehension skills.

2. Make reading enjoyable

Make reading an enjoyable experience. Sit with your child. Try not to place pressure on them if they show reluctance. If your child loses interest then do something else.

Tips on Reading Success at home for Parents



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8 Success is the key!

Pitching a book at your child's reading level is important for comprehension and fluency. Children easily switch off if a book is too tricky. Teachers will guide your child to choose the correct book in school that is just right for them. Struggling with a book with many unknown words is pointless. Flow is lost, text cannot be understood and children can become reluctant readers.

3. Maintain the flow

If your child mispronounces a word do not interrupt immediately. Instead allow opportunity for self-correction. If your child does try to 'sound out' words, encourage the use of letter sounds rather than 'alphabet names' ..

5. Variety is important

Remember children need to experience a variety of reading materials eg. picture books, hard backs, comics, magazines, poems, and information books.

7. Communicate—RRR

Communicate regularly in your child's Red Reading Record with positive comments and any concerns. Your child will then know that you are interested in their progress and that you value reading.