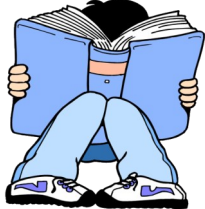


Reading Skills



Praise!

The key to any success is **CONFIDENCE**. Remember to regularly praise your child as they read. Furthermore, remember to state clearly why you're praising them. "You took your time to build that new word. Well done".



Fluency (reading smoothly with out pauses)

The ability to read fluently is very important. When a child reads with fluency and expression, they are able to concentrate on the meaning and information in the text rather than the technicality of reading.



Building New Words

- ⇒ Teach your child to look at new words and to break them into small bricks/chunks. 'In-de-pen-dence'
- ⇒ Ask your child to blend the sounds and say the whole word a few times.
- ⇒ Remember—after taking a break to build the word—go back to the beginning of the sentence before they continue to read.



Understanding New Vocabulary

- ⇒ What about asking your child to be a reading detective?
- ⇒ 'How is the word being used in the sentence?'
- ⇒ 'Does the word sound like or look like a part of another word?'
- ⇒ 'Why do you think the author has chosen that word?'

Understanding

If your child hasn't understood—they are not reading effectively. You can ensure that they have understood by asking the following:

- ⇒ 'What's happening in the story?'
- ⇒ 'What does the text refer to?'
- ⇒ 'Who are the main characters?'
- ⇒ 'What do the main characters say?'
- ⇒ 'Who or what does the main character like/dislike?'
- ⇒ 'What does the author infer about the character?'
- ⇒ 'Where does the story take place?'
- ⇒ 'What atmosphere is the author trying to create?'



Variety

It's important that your child reads a variety of texts: fictional, poems, factual, pamphlets, instructions, websites, newspaper and magazine articles.