






# A Step-By-Step Guide

UNDERSTANDING
<b>Before Reading</b>
<b>1. Predict</b>
ASK THE CHILD... <i>What do you think this book will be about?</i>
OR
ASK EACH OTHER... <i>What do you think this book will be about?</i> (child goes first)
<b>After Reading</b>
<b>2. Discuss</b>
ASK YOUR CHILD OR EACH OTHER... <i>Tell me your favourite character, setting or event?</i> (child goes first)
OR
ASK YOUR CHILD... <i>What was a great word from this book?</i> (it could be a tricky word, a new or interesting word)
<b>3. Connect</b>
ASK YOUR CHILD OR EACH OTHER... <i>What does this book remind you of?</i>
<i>Another book or movie? Something that happened to our family? Something that happened to someone or something else?</i>

ACCURACY	FLUENCY
<b>During Reading</b>	
<b>Decoding</b>	<b>Pausing</b>
IF STUCK ON A WORD, ASK THE CHILD... <i>Which strategy can you use to help work it out?</i>	IF YOUR CHILD READS PAST... commas (,), full stops (.), question marks (?) or exclamation marks (!) <b>WITHOUT PAUSING...</b>
<b>EAGLE EYES</b>	<i>Encourage them to re-read</i>
	IF YOUR CHILD'S READING IS STILTED (SOUNDS LIKE A ROBOT)...
Check the pictures for clues to help you.	<i>Encourage them to re-read with a SMOOTH voice and without pointing to words</i>
<b>STRETCHY SNAKE</b>	<b>Expression</b>
	SHOW YOUR CHILD HOW TO READ USING CHARACTER VOICES...
Stretch the word out slowly. Say the sounds together to say the word.	<i>Encourage them to copy you</i>
<b>CHUNKY MONKEY</b>	SHOW YOUR CHILD HOW TO CHANGE THEIR VOICE FOR PUNCTUATION...
	Voice goes down (full stops) Voice goes up (question marks) Voice is louder (exclamation marks)
Look for little words inside bigger words to help you sound it out.	<i>Encourage them to copy you</i>
<b>Don't forget to re-read the sentence if you get stuck on a tricky word!</b>	

