



Reading @ HOME

A Step-By-Step Guide

Understanding	Accuracy	Fluency
Before Reading	During Reading	
1. Predict	Decoding	Pausing
<p>ASK THE CHILD...</p> <p><i>What do you think this book will be about? Talk about the cover, the title, and the pictures.</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p>ASK EACH OTHER...</p> <p><i>What do you think this book will be about?</i> (child goes first)</p>	<p>IF STUCK ON A WORD, FIRST ALLOW SOME WAIT TIME – READERS NEED TO LOOK AROUND FOR CLUES. AFTER WAITING, ASK THE CHILD...</p> <p><i>Which strategy can you use to help work it out?</i></p> <p>IF THEY ARE STILL STUCK, TRY SAYING...</p> <p><i>Are there any clues in the pictures?</i></p> <p><i>Can you work out the beginning sound? Now get your mouth ready to say the word (avoid saying 'sound it out')</i></p> <p><i>Can you see any chunks in the word that might help?</i></p> <p><i>Read to the end of the sentence for more clues. What do you think would make sense here?</i></p>	<p>IF YOUR CHILD READS PAST... commas (,), full stops (.), question marks (?) or exclamation marks (!) <u>WITHOUT PAUSING</u>...</p> <p><i>Encourage them to re-read</i></p> <p>IF YOUR CHILD'S READING IS STILTED (SOUNDS LIKE A ROBOT)...</p> <p><i>Encourage them to re-read with a SMOOTH voice and without pointing to words</i></p>
After Reading	Expression	
2. Discuss	SHOW YOUR CHILD HOW TO CHANGE THEIR VOICE FOR PUNCTUATION...	
3. Connect	<p>SHOW YOUR CHILD HOW TO READ USING CHARACTER VOICES...</p> <p><i>Encourage them to copy you</i></p> <p>VOICE GOES DOWN (full stops) VOICE GOES UP (question marks) VOICE IS LOUDER (exclamation marks)</p> <p><i>Encourage them to copy you</i></p>	
<p>ASK YOUR CHILD OR EACH OTHER...</p> <p><i>What was a great word from this book?</i> (it could be a tricky word, a new or interesting word)</p> <p>ASK YOUR CHILD...</p> <p><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></p>	<p>ASK YOUR CHILD OR EACH OTHER...</p> <p><i>What does this book remind you of?</i></p>	