

Ready4K

Let's
READ!



*Building Reading
Super Skills*

5 Tips for Reading TOGETHER



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Let your child be in charge of picking out the book. Do they like reading about true facts and animals? You might try offering non-fiction books. Do they love adventures? Funny books? Books that rhyme? Fiction books can be gateways to so many adventures.

ASK AWAY



As you read, ask questions along the way. You can start by showing them the cover and asking, “What do you think this book will be about?” This helps them feel invested right from the start.

Keep up the questions throughout. Try “What, Why, and How” questions like, “WHAT do you think will happen next? WHY do you think the character did or said that? HOW would you feel if that happened to you?”



MAKE CONNECTIONS

Find ways to link the book to your child. For example, mention ways your child is like the character or ways they are different: “Hey look! That character has a dog, just like we do!”

MAKE IT EXTRA SPECIAL



Try giving your child a special job during the story. They might: turn the pages, shine a flashlight on the words you are reading, be on the lookout for a secret word (like THE), or wiggle their nose each time you read that word.

Try reading in a fun spot. You might give your child a towel, and wherever they choose to set it down is where you will read - under a tree, under a table...



MOVE ALONG

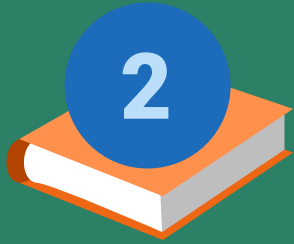
Try giving your child wiggle breaks if they really need to move. Find ways to work movement into the story, too. For example, they might do certain actions along with the character or act out the page that you just read.

5 Tips for Reading INDEPENDENTLY

SET THE STAGE FOR SUCCESS



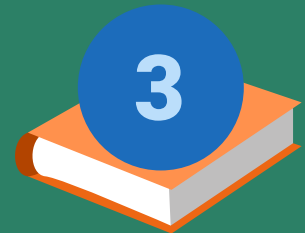
When picking books for your child to read all on their own, look for books that are “just right.” To find a “just right” book, ask your child to read the second page to you. Invite them to hold up a finger each time they come to a word that they aren’t sure of or don’t know. If they hold up 5 or more fingers, guide them to an easier book.



ASK AFTER

After your child reads independently, ask them to tell you about the story. What was it all about? What was your favorite part? Who was your favorite character? Did it remind you of other stories you've read?

SHARE



Invite your child to read aloud to you. As they do, give them your full attention and offer lots of positive encouragement. If they are struggling to sound out a word, give them time to work through it. Let them know, “Wow, great work sounding that out.” It takes time to build up reading stamina.

Try passing a book back and forth. Your child can read one page and you can read the next. It can be hard reading aloud to others, especially when you are first learning to read. Give your child practice by encouraging them to read a book to a pet or stuffed animal.



MAKE TIME

If you can, set a specific time each day for your child to do independent reading. Start with 10-15 minutes for younger readers and up to 30 minutes for older readers. The best time of day to pick? The one that works for your family! If you find that your child is concerned with time, set a timer that will give a signal when the time is done.

SPECIAL SPOT



Setting up a cozy spot with limited distractions for independent reading can help with your child's focus. A quiet corner or a comfy chair can be enough to help kids stay tuned into the book they are reading. In nicer weather, your child can take their reading outside. A shady tree and blanket or towel can make the experience even more enjoyable.