

# How To Read With Your Child

## A PARENTS' QUICK GUIDE

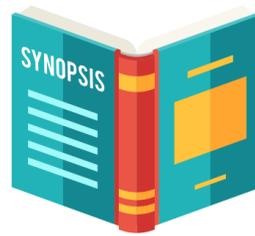


Development  
Frustration

Choose the right book! Your child should be able to read **95** out of every **100** words. Higher than this and they could be missing out on further development. Lower, and they could be reading at 'frustration level'.  
**(Test this by reading 100 words with them!)**



Avoid the temptation to compete through the **school scheme levels** with your child's peers.



Discuss the story so far, or the book's **synopsis** (blurb) from the back cover. Make predictions on what will happen next.



When reading, **track** the words - use either their finger, a ruler, a pen...

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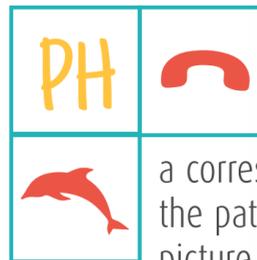
Use a variety of strategies to read the unfamiliar words - i.e. use **context clues, picture clues**



(sparingly), **build the word up** (blend) using known **phonic sounds** (s-n-a-p = snap). It's handy to have a pencil and paper at the ready to show words with similar patterns.



Make a **list** of the words that couldn't be read, and **review** them at the end, then again at the start of the next session.

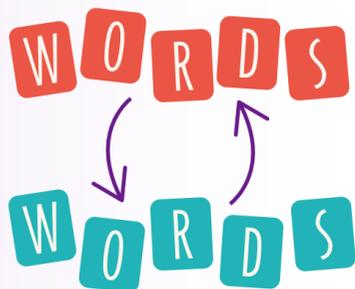


Make a **grid** and in each box write a phonic pattern the child is struggling to remember, along with a corresponding **picture** e.g. for 'ph' write the pattern (grapheme) along with a small picture of a phone, or a dolphin...Review these graphemes each reading session. Try spelling words containing them. Put them on your fridge!



Spend part of the session **reading** to your child. This models good practice. Show them how you'd blend an unfamiliar word (pretend you don't know one!).

Try **substituting** the author's words with new ones. Do they have the same effect? Why / why not? Can they tell the characters' feelings by their words or actions?



Vary the reading material. Use a **library**. Include factual as well as fictional.



Try **digital reading** material too. There are many interactive reading apps available.



**Read regularly!** Several times per week is best. Doesn't have to be a long time each session. Go with the flow and make it fun. Consistency is vital.