

Ways a Parent Can Help a Child **LEARN TO READ**

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Let your child see you reading!

Have magazines and books in your home.

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Look for appropriate word and reading games online to play with your child

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Ask your child to draw a picture or write about what happens in a story.

Keep paper, notebooks, pencils, pens, markers and crayons available in your house.

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When you're reading a magazine or newsletter, ask your child to look on the pages for pictures that start with a certain sound.

Do you see a picture of a thing that starts with "p"?

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Set aside a time and place for reading -

like a comfy chair with a reading light for bedtime stories

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Visit your public library regularly.

Find and read together the books that were your favorites when you were a kid.

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Enjoy reading with your child.

Laugh at silly pictures. Make goofy voices. Have fun!

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Ask your child questions about the story as you read together:

- What is the story about?
- Why do you think he/she made that choice? Was it a good choice?
- Why did that happen?
- What do you think will happen next?
- What was your favorite part of the story? Why?

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Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or that start with the same sound

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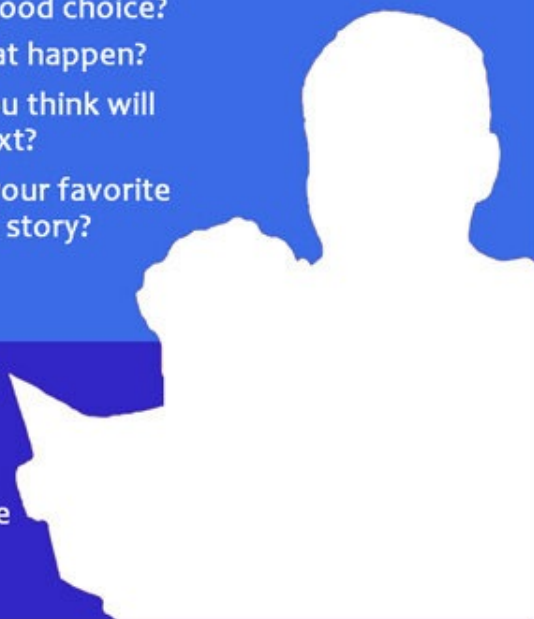
After you finish reading a story, look back at a page and ask your child to find common words.

"Can you find the word ___?"

Use words like: the, me, up, and, go, run, can, to, stop

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Teach your child to recognize his or her own name



Read out loud to your child -
books, poems, nursery rhymes, recipes, billboards,
newspaper articles, ads, signs - whatever words you see!