



At Home Tips for Struggling Readers

- Practice positivity. Encourage and praise your child while reading.
- Choose books that are at your child's reading level. Avoid books that are at a frustration level for your child.
- Choose reading material that your child is interested in.
- Be creative in finding ways to practice reading. Use magnetic letters, puzzles, magazines, reading apps, cards, games etc.
- Read aloud to your child.
- Have your child read aloud to you, a family member, a pet or even stuffed animals. Reading aloud helps build vocabulary, memory and comprehension.
- Ask comprehension questions.
- Use context clues. Context clues can be found in the words, paragraph or illustration around unfamiliar words. Focus on context clues to help infer the main idea of a reading.
- Look for the main idea. What point was the author trying to make?
- Break up readings into smaller sections.
- Re-read. This can help make sure your child gets all the information from a reading.
- Eliminate distractions.
- Allow your child to use their finger or a ruler to follow along while reading.
- Pre-teach vocabulary.
- Practice sight words.
- Try different text sizes and colors.
- Set a timer. See how many words your child can read in one minute from a passage. Doing this at least a few times a week will help with reading fluency.
- Sing and play rhyming games.
- Read daily!