

Tips for Successful Reading

1. Choose a good time of day and a quiet, comfy place to sit together. Turn off the TV and make sure there are no distractions.



2. Introduce the book - explain any new vocabulary and give a brief overview of the story.



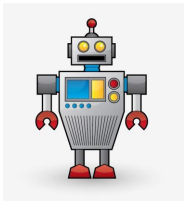
3. Let them be independent. They need to hold the book and point to the words if needed.

4. Check they understand the story by asking questions about the characters.



5. Make it fun— use different voices, take it in turns to read pages or sentences.

6. Re-read easy books to build up their confidence, fluency and speed. Can they read it quicker a second time?



7. No Robot voices— encourage the reading to sound smooth by putting words together. Remind children it should sound like talking.

8. Talk about the punctuation.

9. Try not to make corrections until the end of the page or book. It's hard for them to understand what they are reading if they have to keep stopping.



10. If they don't know a word, try:

Show me the tricky word

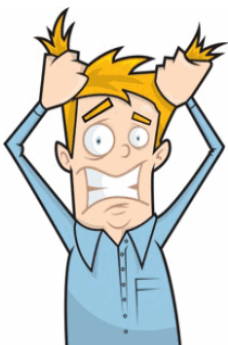
Run your finger along it

Can you sound it out?

What does the word look like?

What would make sense

What would sound right?



BUT...If they're really struggling, tell them the word! There are some names or words that are impossible to sound out.