

How can I **HELP** my child?

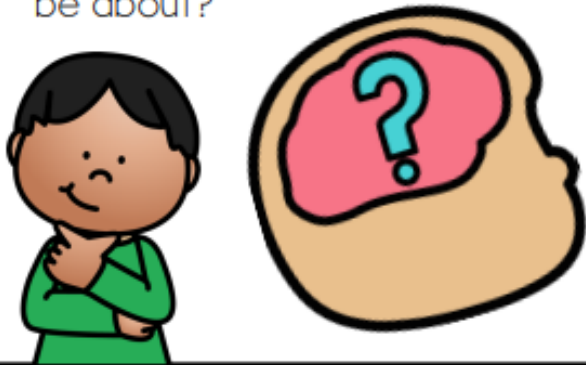
Before reading

Find a comfy spot to sit away from noise and distractions where it can be just you and your child.

Ask your child to read the title or read it to them. Talk about what they see on the front cover or the blurb.

Ask your child to make a **prediction**, such as:

- What do you think will happen?
- Who do you think will be in the story?
- What do you think this book will be about?



During reading

Encourage your child to point to the words as they are reading them.

Allow your child to have a go at decoding difficult words before correcting or reading for them.

Ask **questions** such as:

- What do you think is going to happen next?
- What went wrong?
- What would you do?

What is decoding?

Decoding is using letter and sound knowledge to break words up and pronounce them correctly. When your child is reading, let them read each word and avoid correcting them instantly. If they are stuck, wait a moment to see if they can sound out the word. If they cannot, sound out the word together by pointing to each letter and allowing your child to say the sound that it makes, then blending them together (ie. c-a-t, cat).

After reading

Ask your child to tell you what happened in the book (**retell**).

Talk about what parts of the book they found interesting or funny.

Connect the book to something you may have seen or experienced in the real world.



Try this!

Sit next to your child and let them hold the book.

Talk and ask your child questions as you read.

Allow your child time to correct their own mistakes.

Encourage your child to read the book to you.



Monkey see
is monkey do.
Read a good book,
and your child will too!



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