

10 Ways To Help Your Children Become Better Readers

1. Make reading together enjoyable.
2. Talk with your children about their day.
3. Encourage your children to think about things happening around them.
4. Read aloud to your children.
5. Provide writing materials for your children.
6. Encourage your children to watch TV programs that have educational value.
7. Use reading strategies to help you understand what you read better.
8. Stay in touch with your child's teacher.
9. Encourage your child to read independently.
10. Set a good example for your children by reading yourself.



What are Reading Strategies?

A strategy is a plan for doing something well. You can use strategies when you read to help you understand the text better. First, look at the title and pictures. Then, think about what you want to find out. As you read you can continue to use your strategies. (from Harcourt *Trophies*, 2005)

Strategies Good Readers Use:

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- Use decoding/phonics
- Look at word parts
- Self-correct
- Reread it out loud
- Make and confirm predictions
- Sequence events/ summarize
- Create mental images
- Use context to confirm meaning
- Make inferences

