



Reading Newsletter

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Reading Tip

Help your child fix her own reading errors.

Children learn best when they can fix their errors by themselves. If your child is stuck, ask questions such as, "Did that make sense?" or "Do you see a little word you know inside that big word?" to help her correct her own mistakes.



What do I do when my child doesn't know a word? readers

- Wait for your child to try the word.
- Have your child look at the pictures for clues.
- Rereading is a good way to figure out an unknown word. Ask your child to reread, say the sound of the first letter, and make a guess.
- Always encourage your child to make the story make sense and sound right.
- If several attempts are unsuccessful, simply tell your child the word.
- Try not to interrupt if the error makes sense. You can always go back and look at that mistake when the story is finished. Turn back to that page and say, "Try this part again and make sure that the words look right." Or you can say, "Try this part again and look at the

Five tips for parents of reluctant

- Make reading relaxing and low-key for a short part of the day.
- Read aloud some funny or interesting parts of your favorite book.
- Draw your child in with a riddle book for kids, a passage from Sports Illustrated, or a newspaper story.
- If your child likes a movie, see if it's based on a book, and then bring home the book.
- For kids who have lost the motivation to read, use material that's intensely interesting to them (magazines, comic books, books on a topic they enjoy).

A reader is like an athlete...the more you practice the better you