



1. Try New Genres

Encourage children to develop an interest in a variety of genres such as adventure, mystery, fantasy and poetry.



2. Work on Word Games

Lead by example — exercise your mind by doing crossword puzzles, word jumbles and word searches. Play board games as a family to develop vocabulary skills.



3. Discuss the News

Encourage family members to develop a habit of reading and discussing items from the daily newspaper to keep up-to-date on what is happening around the world.



4. Try to Sing

Sing with young children every day to help them make tr/uo(y)TJETEMC /Span #M9M(Q)1



L L L L L

Point out letters and simple, familiar words in books and signs. Help your child read his name or write it with crayons or magnetic letters.



R R R -A

It's fun for a child to see and hear himself reading a favorite story. Have him read into a recorder or take a video of the activity.



D L B ?

Let your child know it's okay if he or she doesn't like a particular book. Use a not-so-great selection as an opportunity to understand more about reading skills and preferences.



M T Q

If your child asks questions while you read, smile! That means he is very engaged with the story. Stop and answer any questions.



T P W

Talk about the book before you read it. Show the cover and ask what the book is about. Talk about the author. Flip through the book, look at the pictures together, and talk about what's on the jacket flaps.



R A (A !)

Reread books to build self-confidence.



W W

Include a wordless picture book in your next stack from the library. Wordless books make for great conversation.



R T

Have fun. Smile and enjoy the story. Read with a slow, relaxed voice and be expressive.



D J T

Take time to listen to your child.



L U !

Help your child listen to an audio book today!



K T P P

Encourage your child to make his or her own book and read it to a family member or friend.



S F P

Read a poem from a poetry book for children.



R W R

Make questions about reading conversational and a natural part of the reading process. Be positive and encouraging to your youngster and reward him whenever he tries hard.



S O !

If your child gets stuck on a word while reading, help but don't tell! At least not at first. Encourage your child to look at the first letter or letters, and match a sound to the letters.



N O

Include non-fiction in your stack of library books. Try to include different types of non-fiction books including biographies, travel books, or a reference book.



F B N

You may have heard of a Family Game Night, why not Family Book Night? Have each family member talk about their favorite book or the book they're reading right now.



A R

The more animated you are when you read, the better your child will follow the story.



R-R F B

Read with a slow, relaxed voice and be expressive.