

How Can I Help My Child at Home with Reading?

Strategies to Support Comprehension

- **3-2-1**
 - Can be used with informational text: science, social studies, newspaper and magazine articles.
 - Can be used reading with children or when children read independently
 - Can be used to discuss TV programs, movies, or units of study at school
- ***How does it work?***
 - Parent says: Let's do a 3-2-1 for the chapter you just read in social studies.
 - What **3** things did you learn from this chapter?
 - What are **2** things you found interesting about what you read?
 - What is **1** question you still have?
- **Read, Cover, Remember, Retell**
- ***How does it work?***
 - Parent says: **Read** as much of this text as you can cover with your hand (usually a paragraph or two). Next, **cover up** what you read. Then, take a minute to **remember** what you read by thinking about it. If you can't remember, go back and read it again. Finally, **retell** the information you just read.

Strategies to Support Word Identification Skills

- ***How does it work?***
 - **Have a Game Night!!**

Game	Description	Age Range
Banana-grams	Fast-paced game with tiles to spell words	Ages 7 and up
Boggle	Spell as many words with letter cubes as possible in three minutes	Ages 8 and up
Boggle Junior	An easier version of Boggle for younger kids	Ages 4 to 7
I Spy Word Scramble	Solve I-Spy puzzle to spell words	Ages 7 to 12
Quiddler	Fast paced card game about words	Ages 8 and up
Scrabble	Classic word tile game	Ages 8 and up
Scrabble Junior	Easy version of the classic game with letter and picture tiles to match words	Ages 5 to 8

Smart Mouth	Quick, shout-it-out word game	Ages 8 and up
Spill and Spell	Classic crossword cube game	Ages 5 and up
Upwords	Crossword puzzle based game where words are built on top of each other	Ages 8 and up
What's Gnu?	Three- letter word game	Ages 5 to 8

Online Word Identification and Phonics Games

<i>Website</i>	<i>URL</i>	<i>Description</i>
Gamequarium	www.gamequarium.org/dir/Readquarium/Phonics_and_Phonemes	Phonics games for beginning sounds, short vowels, word families, and more
Adrian Bruce's Educational Teaching Resources	www.adrianbruce.com/reading/games.htm	Phonics games based on blends, digraphs, and common spelling patterns.
Live Search Club Games	http://club.live.com/Pages/games/gamelist.aspx?tab=all%20games	Word, vocabulary, and strategy games for older children
I Know That	www.iknowthat.com/com/L3?Area=L2_LanguageArts	Games and puzzles about sounds, words, and sentences
Reading - n - Phonics	www.geocities.com/EnchantedForest/Dell/4678/indexpublish.html	Links to games for letters, sounds, phonics, and spelling
Primary Games	www.pimarygames.com/reading.htm	Phonics, spelling, and writing games and puzzles

Family Reading Time

➤ Fun, easy, and effective

- Children get extra reading practice
- Children see that reading is valued in their families

Setting up a Family Reading Time

1. *Pick a 15 to 30 minute time that works with your family's schedule. For example, right after dinner or before bedtime may work for your family.*
2. *Have Family Reading Time at least four to five times per week.*
3. *Post the schedule for Family Reading Time on the refrigerator or family calendar so everyone knows when it will take place.*
4. *Everyone reads during this time, including parents. Family members can read independently, with a partner, or as a group.*
5. *Family members should choose fun, interesting things to read.*

****Take a few minutes to discuss what you are reading during Family Reading Time.**

Making Reading Materials Accessible

- Visit the public library on a regular basis
- Bookstores offer author presentations and family activities
- Subscribe to magazine subscriptions based on your child's interest

Magazines for Children

American Girl (News stories, crafts, and party ideas for readers 8 to 12)

Ask (History, science, and various topics about the world for readers ages 6 to 9)

Calliope (World history magazine for readers ages 9 to 14)

Cricket (Stories, poetry, cartoons, crossword puzzles, crafts, and recipes for readers 9 to 14)

Discovery Girl (Middle school challenges, inspiring stories about exceptional teens, sports, contests, quizzes, and fashion for readers 9 to 12)

Dogs for Kids (Information, games, puzzles, and activities related to dogs for readers 8 to 12)

Faces (World cultures magazine for readers 9 to 14)

National Geographic Kids (Animals, entertainment, science, technology, and current events for readers ages 6 to 12)

Nickelodeon (Fascinating facts, celebrity interviews, comics, pullouts, puzzles, activities, and the inside scoop on Nick for readers 6 to 12)

Sports Illustrated for Kids (Stories, interviews, games, comics, and puzzles about sports for readers ages 8 to 12)

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