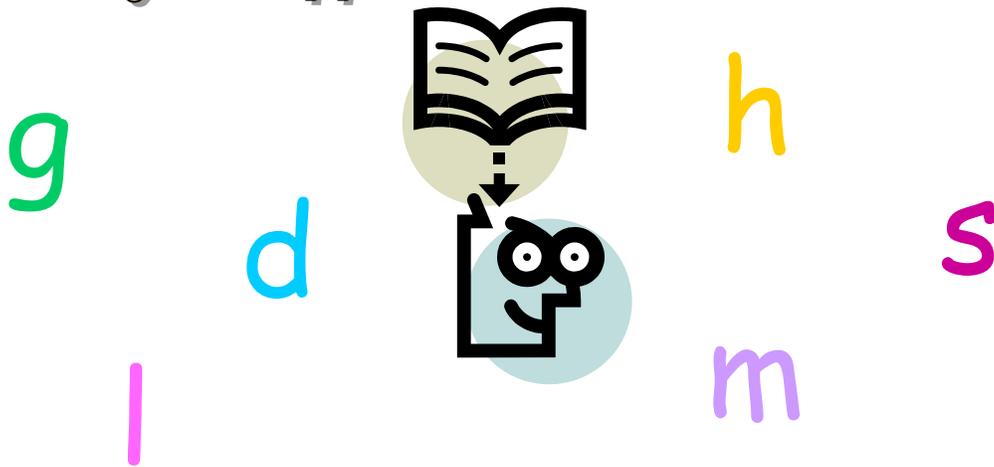


Reading Sheet

1. Help your child to choose a book
2. Stop at the cover- "What do you think it is about?"
3. Read the title- "It's called _____"
4. Read the first page. How does the story start? One day...Point to the main character. Say: "Who's that?" That's right it's _____."
5. Read another few pages slowly but in an exciting tone. Where did they go? Point to the place in the book if possible.
6. Pause before the next few pages and ask: "What is going to happen next?" Turn to the next page: Let's see if you were right...Say "And then..."before reading the next part.
7. Introduce the joining words "because" , "but" Why did _____ happen? Because _____.
8. Keep reading and then read the last page with lots of excitement Sometimes you can ask "What happened at the end?" Turn to the last page with them and talk about what happened.

Reading to Support Sound and Letter Skills



Once your child has a basic understanding of the way a story goes and can answer simple questions about it, you can use reading time to improve their understanding of phonemes. Phonemes are the sounds that letters make. Understanding the link between letters and sounds is very important for learning how to read and write.

Here are some tips for reading time:

- First choose a book that features the letter in your child's name. For example Spot books are great if your child's name starts with the letter S.
- Point out the word/character with the feature letter. For example that's a monkey. Monkey starts with M. Say the word again stressing the letter Mmmmmmonkey.
- Draw over the letter with your child's finger or help your child to trace the letter over some dots on a piece of paper or chalk board near the book. Make the sound again.
- Point out the letter when you see it again in the book.
- Point out things other in your house that start with that letter.