

Six Steps to Getting Your Child Ready to Read!



#1 Read together for at least 15 minutes a day. Make reading a fun and relaxing experience. As your child associates reading with good experiences, they will want to read more. This builds **print motivation**.

#2 Observe words and symbols around you, and point them out to your child. Signs for restaurants and stores are great ways to show the importance of words and how they have a direct meaning in our lives. This develops **print awareness**.

#3 Talk with your child constantly. Parent-child interaction is the best way to build your child's vocabulary. Try not to talk *at* your child, but instead *with* your child to engage him/her in conversation that requires him/her to respond. This builds **vocabulary**.

#4 Play word games with your child. For example, ask your child to find things on the store shelves that start with the first letter of his name. This builds **letter knowledge**.



#5 Sing songs with your child. Traditional songs are a great way to connect children, parents, and grandparents and teach a sense of rhythm for language. This builds **phonological awareness**.

#6 Tell stories to each other. Talk about your day, and in the order in which you did things. This will develop a child's understanding of how a story works and will make reading easier. This builds **narrative skills**.



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