

How to Help When Your Child Gets Stuck

Think



When your child says a word that does not make sense...

Have your child look at the picture, think about what is happening in the story, and try the word again.

Say, "Does it make sense?"

Listen



When your child says a word that does not sound right in the sentence...

Have your child read the sentence again.

Say, "Does it sound right?"

Look



When your child reads the wrong word...

Have your child reread the sentence and look at the letters from left to right while saying the problem word.

Say, "Does it look right?"
"Check it with your finger."

Reread



When your child stops and is unsure of a word...

Ask your child to think about what is going on in the story and start to say the word.

Say, "Start to say the word."

Give your child time to try.

Praise your child's effort.

If your child is unsuccessful, supply the problem word.