



Reading Practice with Children

10 Easy Reading Practice Tips

Read together and build better readers through practice every day. Remember to include time for reading practice during the school breaks and holidays.

- Look up and discuss the meaning of words in a dictionary. Discuss any related pictures, diagrams, or charts.
- Make time for reading practice each day and turn off distractions like the radio, video games, and the television.
- Play games with sight words. Use cards, letter tiles, or letter magnets to practice and memorize high-frequency words such as the, a, and, but, when, where, how and why. Practice using these words in short phrases or sentences.
- Encourage children to read. Pick topics that interest the reader and use a variety of print materials like books, magazines, and newspapers. Even a data table on a cereal box can be fun to read together.
- When traveling by car, practice reading environmental print and play “I spy” word games.
- Don’t forget to include writing! Have children write words in short sentences and draw pictures that show the meaning of words. You may practice on paper, a white board, or even sand. Practice with pens, sidewalk chalk, colored pencils, bright markers and high lighters, or even crayons for the bath tub. Visit your local dollar store for bargains that make excellent stocking stuffers.
- Dust off the board games in your closet and build vocabulary playing word games on “family game night.”
- Practice using expressions such as “get the picture.” Discuss how the expression does not have the same meaning as the individual words.
- Include books and word games on your gift list. Not sure what to purchase? Check with your public library for suggestions that are reading level appropriate.
- Focus on vocabulary development and teach specific words. Check the "word lists" tab for suggestions at www.creativelearningdesigns.org