

# Tips for Reading Aloud

## FIVE STEPS TO A SUCCESSFUL READING SESSION

1. Select a book at the reader's instructional level. The reader will be able to read 90% of the words correctly at this level.
2. Book Introduction (Picture Walk)  
Go through the book page by page, only talking about the pictures. This will help give your child an idea of what the story will be about before he or she begins to read. Ask the following questions while you are doing this:
  - What is the title? Does it give a hint about the story?
  - What do you already know about this setting or subject?
  - What do you think the story will be about?
  - Can you look at the picture to figure out what might happen?
3. Read Together  
Take turns reading the story with your child by alternating pages. When you read, demonstrate how a story should sound by using character voices.
4. Question and Review  
Ask some of the following questions during and after the story to check for comprehension:
  - Where did the story take place?
  - Who were the main characters?
  - What happened in the story?
  - What was the most important part of the story?
  - Was there a problem in the story? How was it solved?
5. Read Alone  
Have your child read the book alone while you listen and encourage him or her.
6. Comprehension Check and Stretch  
Ask your child more in-depth questions to help "stretch" his or her brain.
  - What would you do if you were the main character?
  - Would you make the same choice/decision?
  - If you could change anything about the story what would it be?

