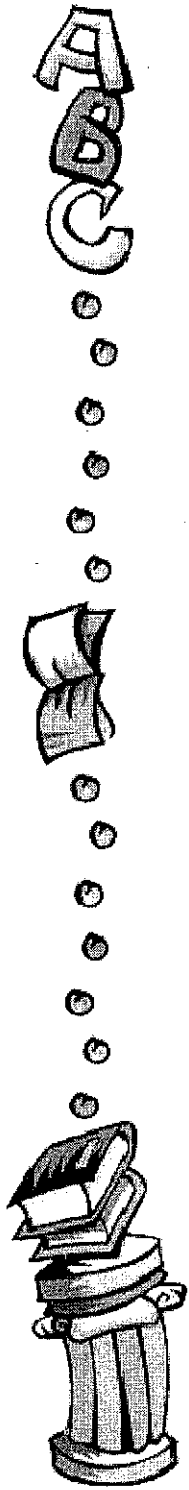


How to Help Your Child Become a Better Reader



- **Ask Questions Before Reading and While Reading**

“What do you think the book will be about?”
“What do you already know about whales?”
“Why do you suppose that boy looks so sad?”
“Do you know what “principality” means?”

- **Make Predictions**

“I think she’ll win the race.”
“What do you think will happen next? Why?”

- **Make Connections to the Real World and Your Own Lives**

“Animals on the farm sure do require a lot of work.”
“That cat reminds me of Jenny’s kitten.”

- **Visualize It**

“Close your eyes and picture it in your head. Can you see? Imagine it”

- **If Your Child Makes a Mistake in Reading**

If it doesn’t change the meaning, read on.
If you want to, you can go back to the word later.

- **If Your Child’s Mistake Changes the Meaning**

Say “Does what you just read make sense?”
“Does that sound right?”
“Back up and reread.”
“Skip the word and see if the rest of the sentence or the picture will help you figure it out.”
“Think of a word that would make sense there and then check the letter sounds.”

- **Ask Questions and Discuss the Book After Reading**

“What do you think the characters will do now?”
“Would you change the ending?”
“Have you ever felt like that?”