

# Ways Parents Can Help the Primary Child in Reading

1. Help your child with new words in everyday experiences, menus, road signs, grocery store signs, etc.
2. Teach her to follow directions and do as much as possible herself.
3. Assist the child to express himself clearly and correctly.
4. When the child asks a word, tell and tell again. It will help to be patient to have a good sense of humor.
5. Never push your child into the next stage of using books. When a child is ready to read, she has the ability to point out likenesses and differences.
6. Parents need to be good listeners. Let your child read to you when you have time to sit quietly and listen without interruptions.
7. Help the child by listening to his reading, looking at the book, and by telling him the unknown words he meets. Let him find the sounds or parts of words he knows, but do not pressure him. Keep this a happy and enjoyable time for just the two of you.
8. Allow the child to tell you what she has read. Ask her a question here and there about the story that will cause her to think.
9. Use books which are not included at school. Let him enjoy looking at many books. His own library card at the public library will help.
10. Allow the child to listen to decide the time to read, but not for longer than half an hour, often less.
11. Help the child to listen to herself, and learn to read with expression.
12. Have him tell you his own stories and help him to write them.

