

## Reading Time

How to Read to a Child [www.youtube.com/watch?v=z4Kxhu1mLCw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z4Kxhu1mLCw)

1. Help the child select a story or book that he/she is interested in and will be enjoyable.
2. Sit beside the child so that you both can see the words and/or pictures at the same time.
3. Look at the cover and pictures and talk about what might happen in the story.
4. When it's your turn to read, vary your tone and use expression.
5. Ask some questions as you go. "What does that mean?" "Why did that happen?" "What might happen next?"
6. Talk about the book when you finish. "Why did the author choose a sad ending?" "What was your favorite part and why?" "What was a character like and what made you think that?"
7. Be positive. Be careful not to use too many "NO's." Another phrase to try is, "Let's read that again together."
8. If the child makes a mistake, don't always stop him/her immediately. Let the child read to the end of the sentence and then say, "Now did that sentence make sense the way you read it? Let's try to fix a word so that it makes sense."
9. Have FUN!!