

Practice Reading Out Loud Bookmark



Echo Reading

Reading out loud while getting help from a more proficient reader will build your child's confidence, help your child become a more accurate and faster reader, and help your child understand what he or she is reading.

Echo reading is when you read a sentence and then your child reads the same sentence. Over time, read longer books and encourage your child to read at the same pace that we talk. Echo reading helps build your child's confidence. Follow these steps:

1. Share a book or have two copies of the same book.
2. Read a sentence out loud from the book.
3. Have your child read the same sentence out loud. Ask your child to follow words with his or her finger while reading.
4. Continue Steps 2 and 3 for the rest of the book.



Reading Together

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Reading together is when you and your child read the same thing at the same time. Your child can point to the words. Read with expression—change your voice to match the characters' feelings, and follow punctuation (question marks, periods, commas).

- Sit together to share a book.
- Read the book out loud at the same time.
- Tell your child how much you love to read together and how proud of him or her you are for practicing reading.



Books to Share

Suggested Books to Practice Reading Out Loud

Use the instructions on the bookmark to echo read or read together.

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin and Eric Carle

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff

Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina

You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Stories to Read Together by Mary Ann Hoberman