

Fluency at Home

Buddy Reading

Sit down together and read!

Pair up as reading buddies every day, and take turns reading aloud. Your reading will provide a model of what fluent reading sounds like.

Echo reading

Ask your child to play 'copycat'.

Read one passage at a time and have your child read it back to you, matching your voice and intonation.

Follow the finger

Encourage your child to follow the words on the page with their finger as you read them aloud. This will help them build stronger connections between spoken words and their written form.

Learn certain texts by heart

Reciting short and fun texts, such as song lyrics, nursery rhymes and poems are great for building your child's confidence and helps them to become familiar with the rhythm of fluent reading.

Use audio books

Audio books are a great tool for exposing your child to fluent reading, and are particularly helpful for reluctant readers, who can listen to the audio while following the text on the page.

Reread best-loved books

Rereading the books they love makes valuable practice for becoming a fluent reader. With each reading, your child will become faster, more confident, and more expressive.

Take breaks

Let them rest.

Forcing them to continue reading will only increase their frustration.

You can also turn back to a page they feel more confident about and invite them to read it again.

Throw in the theatrics

Dramatic play is a wonderful way to build essential early reading skills.

Help your child write a short script and have fun rehearsing the lines. Invite other family members and friends to join in, and don't forget to be silly and expressive to model fluency.

Hit record

Create audio books at home!

Your child can read a book they love or read aloud an original story they've come up with. You can even take turns reading aloud certain passages. This is a great motivator for your child to perfect their pace, expression, volume, and accuracy.