

HELPING WITH MISTAKES IN READING

IF YOUR CHILD COMES TO A WORD THAT THEY DON'T KNOW.

- WAIT – give them 10 seconds to work out the word.
- If they do not work out the word tell them to read to the end of the sentence then GO BACK to THE WORD.
- GUESS the word from the first letter.
- GUESS the word from the pictures.
- GUESS by sounding out the word.
- If they still cannot work out the word – tell them the word.
- READ the sentence again and keep reading.

IF YOUR CHILD MAKES A MISTAKE THAT DOES NOT MAKE SENSE.

- WAIT - give them 10 seconds to fix the mistake. PRAISE THEM IF THEY DO.
- If they do not correct their mistake - let them read to the end of the page or paragraph.
- Tell them the mistake they made. Read the sentence to them with the mistake.
- Ask them to find a word that makes sense by guessing from the first letter, sounding out or looking at the pictures.
- If they still can't work out the word - tell them the word.
- Read the sentence again with the correct word and keep on reading.

IF YOUR CHILD MAKES A MISTAKE THAT MAKES SENSE.

- IGNORE the mistake if it makes sense. Eg. Water for ocean; cat for kitten.