

# Help your child practice reading before tests

To succeed on tests, children must be able to read well—and, more importantly, comprehend what they read. A child who struggles through the instructions is at a great disadvantage. Even math tests include sentences that must be understood.

To help your child prepare for tests:

- **Boost reading skills every chance you get.** For example, read together daily. Keep a variety of reading materials on hand at home—magazines, books, even comics. Ask your librarian to help you find materials your child might like.
  - **Expand her vocabulary** by introducing your child to new words. Practice using new words with your child.
- **Read homework carefully.** What words are used often? Go over any words or concepts that give your child trouble. In math, key words might include *measure*, *divide* and *pattern*.

