

Simple steps boost reading comprehension

The older your child gets, the more he will use textbooks to learn. He'll need strong reading comprehension (the ability to understand what he reads) to do his best in school.

To build your child's reading comprehension at home:

- **Read aloud to your child often.** This slows down reading and helps your child learn to “process” words.
- **Read to relax.** Give your child easy-to-read books that make reading fun.
- **Reread.** Reading things more than once helps your child learn new words.
- **Urge further reading.** Find interesting, non-intimidating materials on school topics.



- **Talk about reading.** Ask questions that encourage thinking, such as, “Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?”