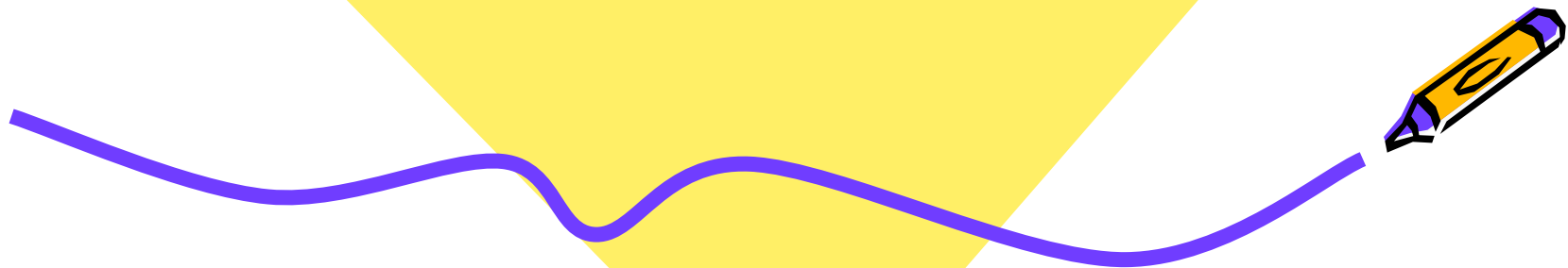


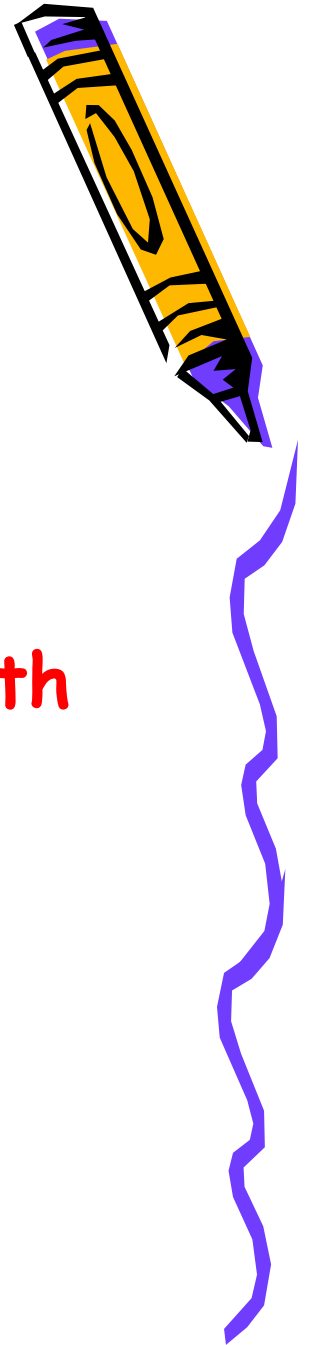
Reading: How can I
prepare my child?



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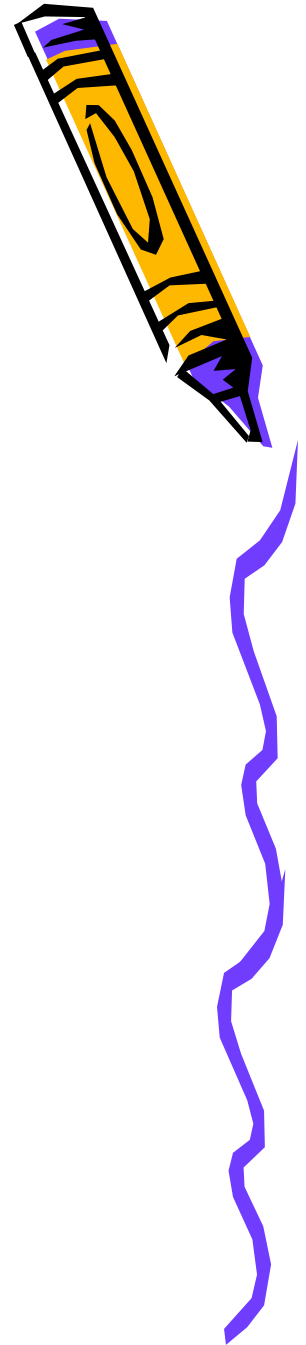
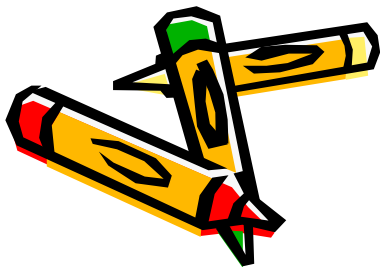
"HAVE FUN"

- Keep it simple
- Utilize the time you already spend with your child



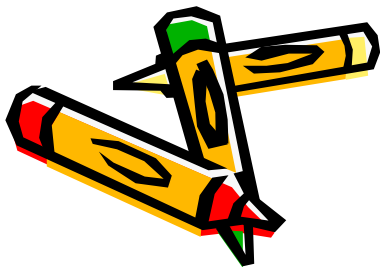
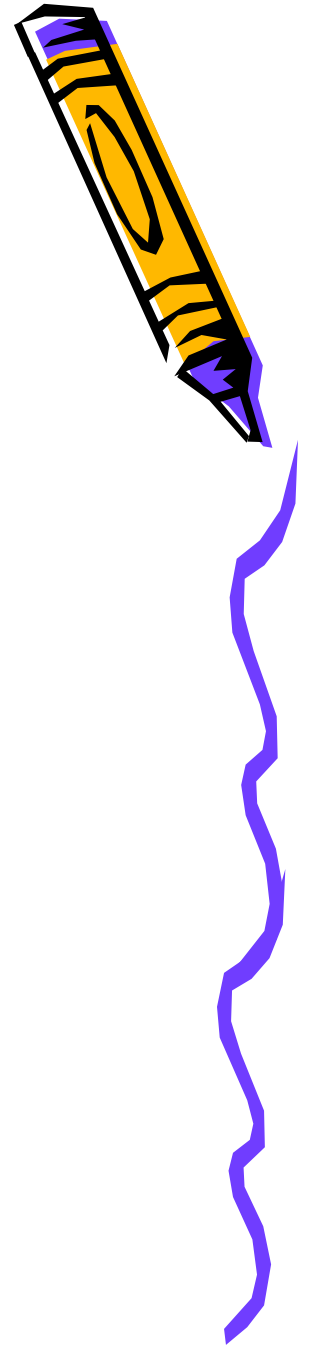
Take time to...

- Talk to your child
- Listen to your child
- Discuss with your child
- Read to your child
- Check with your child
- Clear communication
- Rich vocabulary



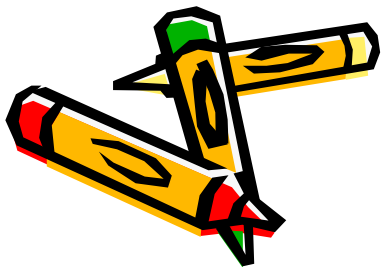
Everyday experiences

- In the kitchen
- In the car
- In the garden
- Children's questions
- Games



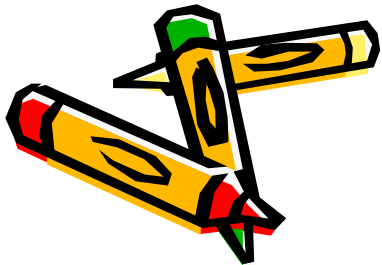
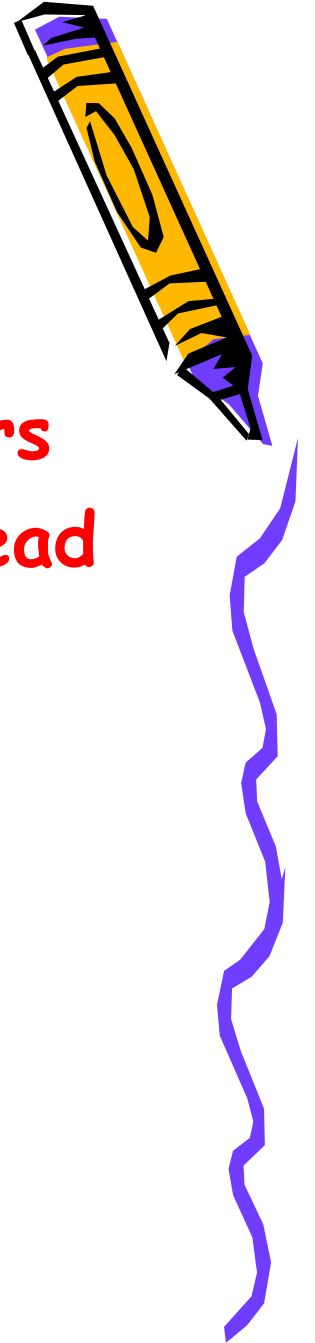
Use the library

- Community library
- School library
- Magazines
- Leaflets, mini-magazines in newspapers
- Internet



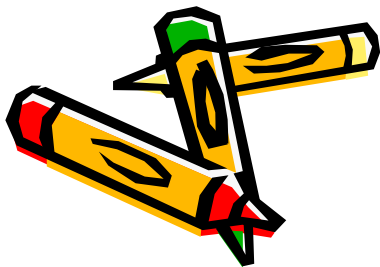
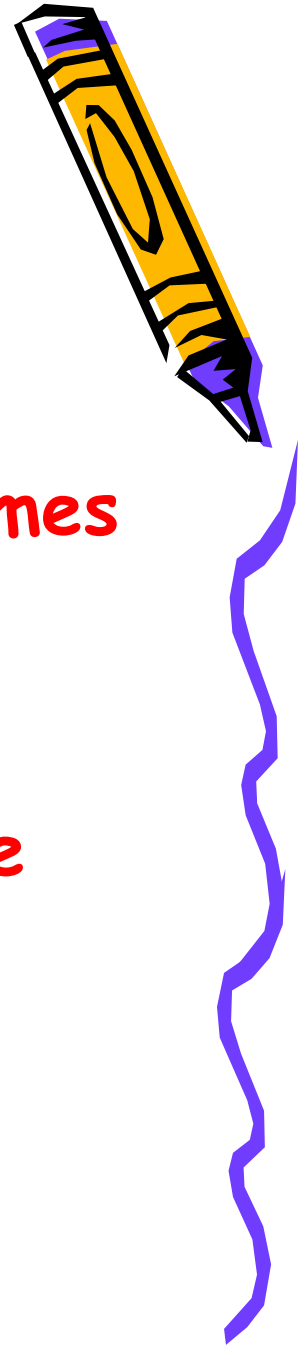
Lead by example

- Read books, magazines and newspapers
- Discuss interesting things you have read with your family
- Sing, say, read, communicate
- Vary the subject matter



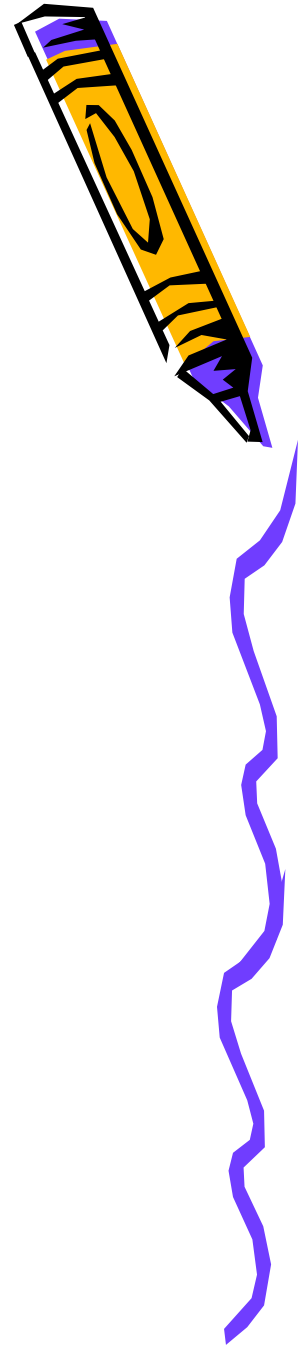
Introduce your child to the meaning of print

- "Read" pictures / pamphlets / advertisements / posters / street names / calendars (birthdays)
- Allow your child to read to you while driving (street names, vehicle registration numbers) or while you are shopping (labels, prices of various products, posters)



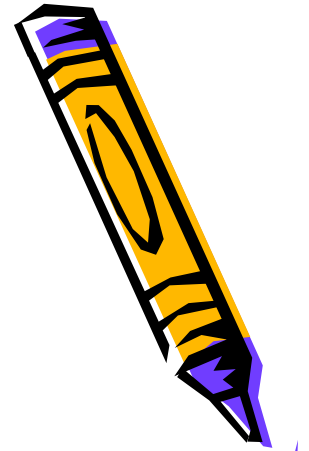
Check the physical aspects

- **Sight**
- **Eye movements**
- **Hearing**
- **Directionality**
- **Spatial awareness**
- **Memory skills etc.**



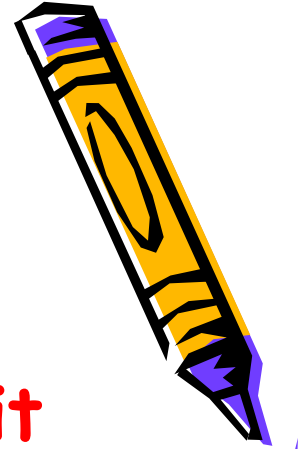
Assisted reading strategies

- Research shows that reading is an interactive and social process
- Parent or child read aloud (story telling)
- Shared reading (big books - big enough text for whole family to see and discuss)
- Paired reading (to help the less fluent reading by having a better reader assist)
- Buddy reading (to help equal readers to attain more fluency)



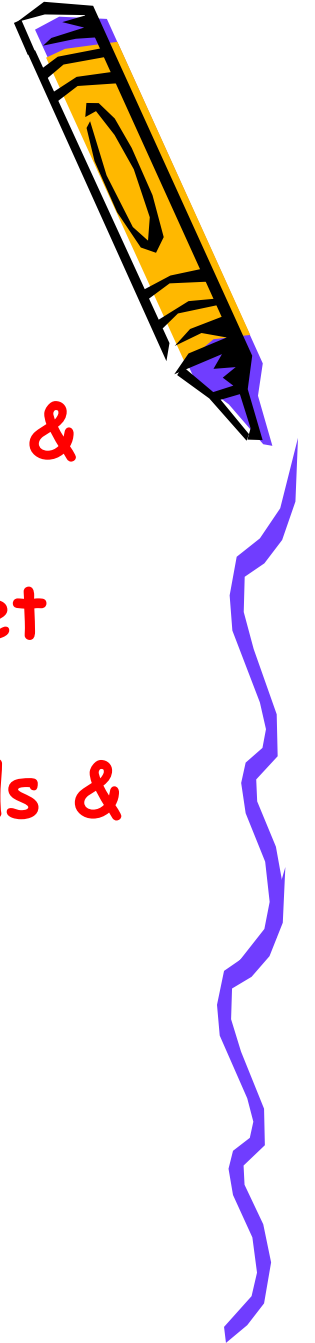
Games

- Listening games (listen and imitate - it takes practice to hear well)
- Playing with words (same/different)
- Rhyming games (find a word that rhymes with...)
- I spy with my little eye something beginning with a "d"
- Remember: work with sounds rather than alphabet letters



Reading

- Language is the key to communication & transports your child into a world of learning. It helps your child to: greet people; ask questions; communicate ideas; give instructions; express needs & emotions; read instructions.



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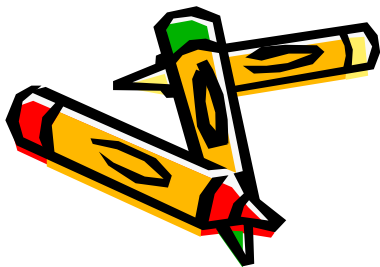
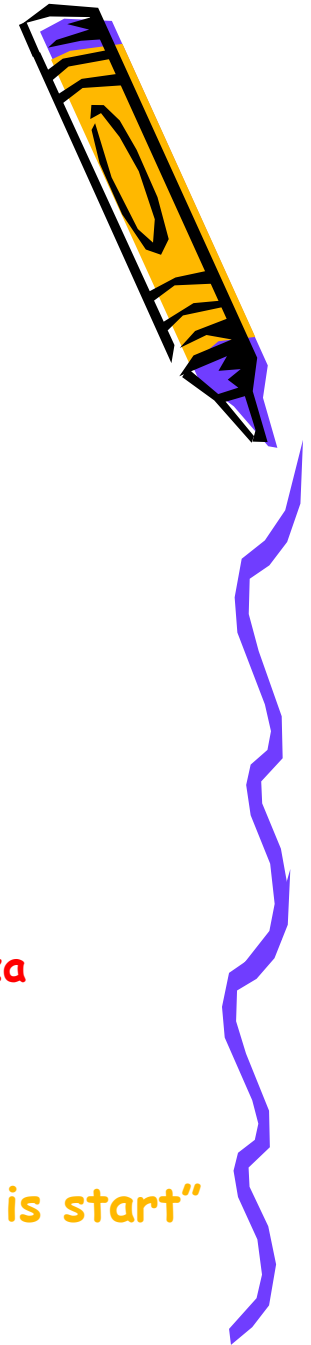
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