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How can Parents help their child read?

GAMES

1 Listening games

- Listen & imitate
Imitating is fun & helps your child learn to use his / her imagination.

It takes practise to hear well. Often we do not hear well because we do not listen well. Practise listening to sounds (e.g. the wind in the trees).

2 Playing with words

- SAME / DIFFERENT:
- I went to the shop
- I went to the park

3 Rhyming games

- Call a word - the child finds a word that rhymes:
bet - met / shell - well / go - no

4 Reading pictures

- ALPHABET SCRAPBOOK:
Write lower case letters on the pages of a scrapbook. Collect pictures from magazines and paste them on the appropriate pages. (E.g. 'd' for dog. Then ask questions like: "How fast does a dog run? How loud does the dog bark?"

- SHOW A PICTURE:
Hold up a picture card. The child calls the sound of the first letter.

5 Games beginning with ...

- Parent is the 'caller'. He / She calls: "I spy something beginning with 'a'". Children look for things beginning with 'l' (e.g. ladder, light, lamp etc.). The first child to guess correctly becomes the caller.



SOURCES:

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www.readingrockets.org
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Ready to Read Smile Education
Sunday Times Read Right
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Margie Redman
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READING TIPS:

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.

1 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

2 Use the library

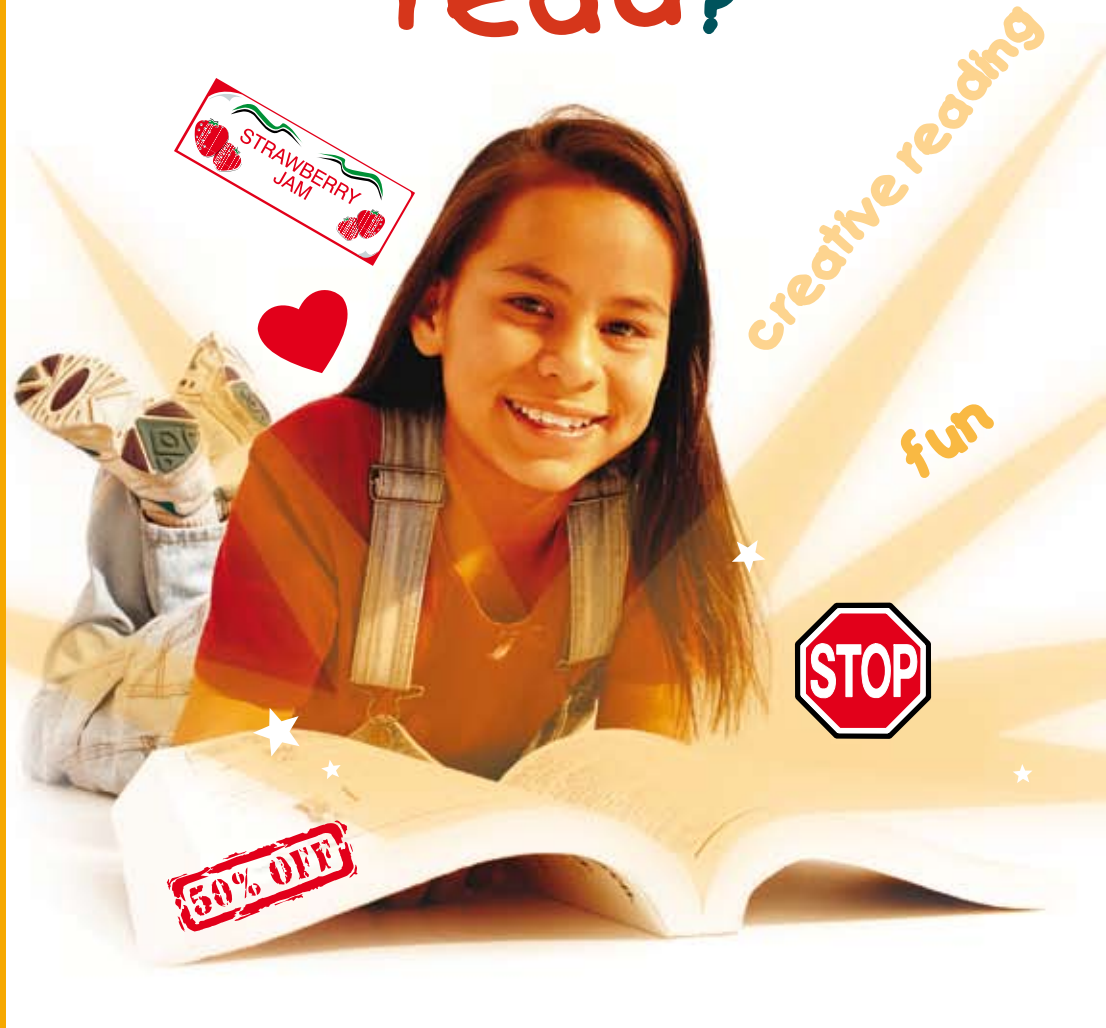
3 Check the physical aspects

- Coding skills
- Memory skills
- Directionality
- Spatial Awareness
- Eye movements
- Sight
- Hearing

4 Paired reading

7 Everyday Experiences

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5 Meaning from print

Read Yourself

- Newspapers, Magazines (current & used), Books

Play Games

- Allow your child to read to you while shopping / driving (vehicle registration numbers, labels, posters, prices of various products, street names etc.)

6 Meaning from print

- Sing
- Say
- Read
- Vary the subject matter.
- Topics which interest your child
- 'Read' pictures

- Ask "What does this say" each time you see a 'Stop' or other familiar sign
- Point out print to your child (shop signs, products, warning signs etc.)