

HELP!

I'M A PARENT, NOT A READING EXPERT!

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MAKING READING HEAVENLY

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WHAT MAKES A GOOD READER?

- Unfortunately some people are just **born** to be good readers and others have to **work really hard** to become a reader! However, these things help...
 - Know letter and sounds
 - Be able to break the code
 - Six Syllable type knowledge will help a struggling person
 - Practice, Practice, Practice, Practice!

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WHY KIDS DON'T WANT TO READ:

- A They don't think they can
- B They don't want to be wrong
- C They are just not interested

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FIND SOMETHING THEY LOVE

•Video Games

Word Brain-free app

Starts out easy

4 letter in a square

Player must decide the order and swipe to solve the word.



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WORD BRAIN FOR A NON-READER

- Use Word Brain to practice their letters!
You spell the words for them
- Keep going back to the early puzzles
- Soon they will be starting to learn the words!

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COMPUTER GAMES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN!

There so many good computer games that are free on-line:

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/>

Actually a site to learn English, but it is a fun site for beginning readers!

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FOAM LETTERS

- Hide the letter Say the sound or the letter name
- Throw it up in the air-if they can name it before it hits the table they get the letter
- Draw out a letter with your eyes closed—try to name it
- Put the letters in alphabetical order while you sing the alphabet song.

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MAGNETIC LETTERS

- Throw the letter
- Match the Capital
- Read the Row
 - Put the letters your child knows in a row
 - Have them read the row
 - Mix them up and read the row again
 - Add one new letter/sound at the beginning
 - Read the row
 - Mix the letters up and read the row again.

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CARD GAMES PUT THEM ON A SWIMMING NOODLE

Make your own cards using words/letters

- Go Fish
- Concentration
- Old Maid/Reading Wizard
- Alphabetical Order
- Match the Lower and Uppercase

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TIC TAC TOE THIS CAN BE AS EASY OR HARD AS YOU WANT!

the	said	one
of	me	do
was	saw	where

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SHOW THEM THEY CAN!

- Success is never boring
- Read the same book over and over
- Pick easy books
- Graphic Novels
- Turn them into Word Wizards!

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PARTNER READ A-LOUD!

- Read a book each night with your child
- Pick a book that is at their reading level (your teacher should be able to help with this selection)
- The only way you might pick a more difficult one is if your child is extremely motivated to read something!
- Hold hands while you are reading
- If the child doesn't know a word and wants help—have them squeeze your hand

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WHAT IF MY CHILD WANTS TO TRY TO READ THE WORD?

- Write it on another piece of paper
- Divide it into syllables or doable parts
- Look at each syllable separately
- Think about the sounds—or other words you know that have the same spelling
- Put the syllables together to read the word

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MOTIVATION IS THE KEY!

- What does your child love?
- What do they want to learn more about?
 - Animals
 - Sports
 - Series

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SPELLING IS SO HARD!

- Most kids need a Routine: **Clap, Touch, Write**
 - 1. Look at the person saying the word to be spelled
 - 2. Repeat the word back to the person
 - 3. Clap to see how many syllables
 - 4. Touch the sounds in each syllable
 - 5. Write the sounds in each syllable as you tap
 - 6. Touch under each letter to see if it makes sense!

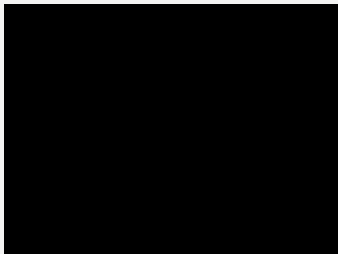
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MAKE THE WRITING AUTHENTIC

- Grocery list
- List of tasks to get finished before they can have a friend over
- Write a letter to Grandma, Grandpa or a cousin
- Write a daily diary
- Send a text—but make them spell the words correctly!

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WRITE A PHOTO STORY!



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MAKING A PHOTO STORY USES MANY SKILLS!

- 1. Reading: The child must read several books about the topic they want to write about to learn more information
- 2. Writing: The child must take notes as they read to remember the important facts
- 3. The notes must be organized—I like to use different colored highlighters
- 4. The child then writes a story using their notes

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PHOTO STORY (CONTINUED)

- 5. Go on the web Google Photo Story 3 (free download)
- 6. It will talk you through the process of making a movie using your child's research story
- 7. Select pictures off the web to support your story
- 8. Send it to Grandma and Grandpa or have a family movie night where everyone shares their new Photo Story!

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MOLDING A LIFE-LONG READER/WRITER TAKES TIME

- Start slow
- Expect 20 minutes of reading every night
- Notice interesting words and talk about them
- Read the same book that your older child is reading and discuss chapters together after you have both finished the chapter
- Make predictions about what you think will happen next

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FAMILY GAME NIGHT

- Play family games that require reading, writing and spelling:
 - Bananagrams
 - Scrabble
 - Boggle

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SHOW YOUR CHILD YOU THINK READING IS IMPORTANT

- Let them see you reading
- Allow them to stay up an extra 10-15 minutes if they are reading
- Make trips to the library to find books they love
- Read a chapter book to your children before you put them to bed!

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**HAVE FUN
GROWING A
READING
WIZARD!**

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