

Ways to Boost Your Child's Reading Comprehension

1. Make Sure Reading is at the Right Level

Help your child by ensuring they have books at the right level. If stories are too easy, your child will be bored; if reading is too hard, they will be discouraged.



2. Match Their Interests

A good learning-to-read curriculum is engaging and educational. Learners who are having fun learn better. An easy way to help your child get immersed in reading is to provide them with books that pique their interest.

3. Discuss Before You Start Reading

Before you start reading with your child, use the book's cover and title to discuss what they think the story might be about. These predictions will help them begin to read meaningfully and give them a purpose for reading—to find out if their predictions were correct.

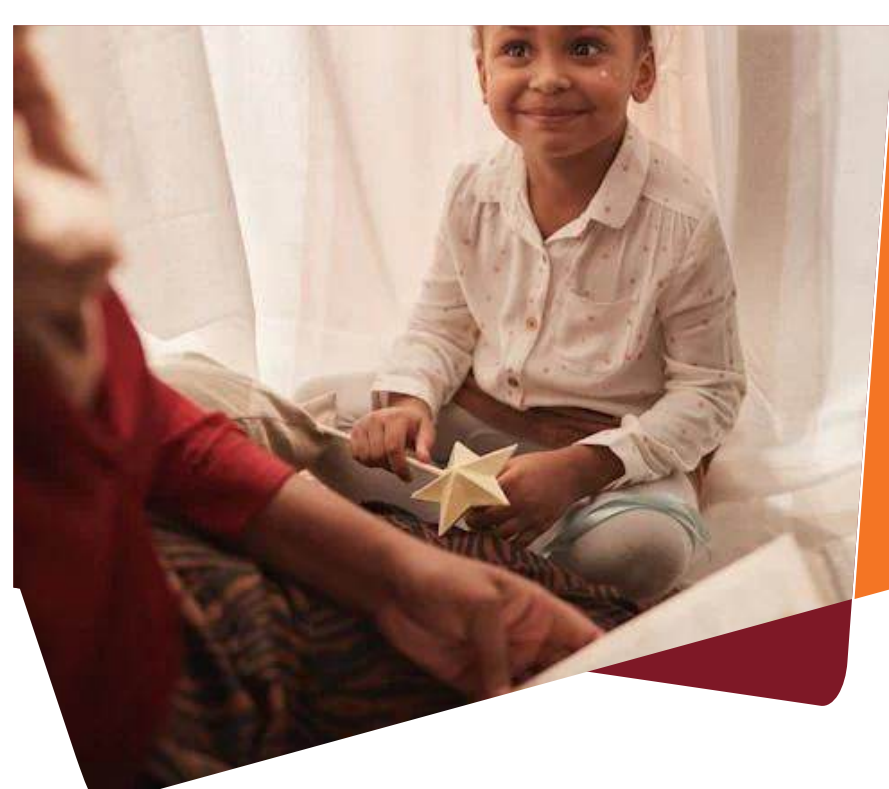
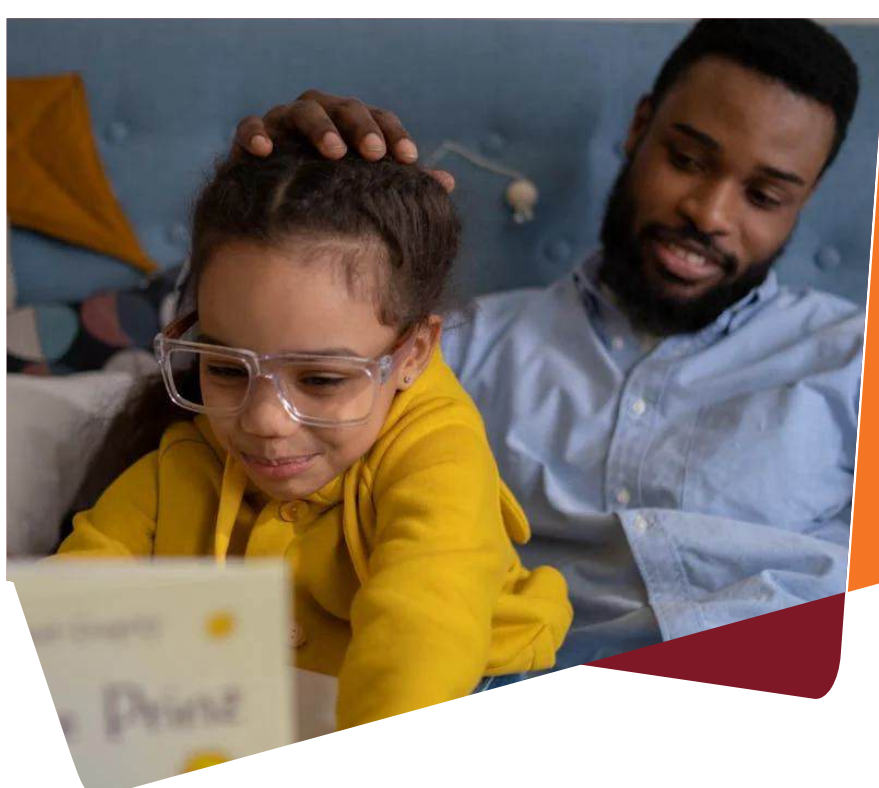


4. Ask Literal Questions

Asking literal questions helps your child read purposefully and find meaning. These could be who, what, where, when, or why-based questions. There is usually just one main answer to these questions, so it is a quick way to check a child's understanding and help improve their confidence.

5. Ask Inferential Questions

As your child's reading comprehension improves, you can ask inferential questions to check that they have found the correct meaning in their reading. These questions do not have a clear answer in the text, so the reader must apply critical thought to answer them.



6. Discuss Word Definitions

Even if you have picked a book with the right reading level for your child, there will likely be unfamiliar words. If you encounter an unfamiliar word, pause reading the story and discuss it together.

7. Reflect Together After Reading

Reflecting together will help your child think critically about what they have just read. You could do this in many ways depending on their reading ability.

