

## Sound out words...

### "Look at the word"

*keep your eyes on the text*

### "Slide through the word"

*blend the sounds from  
beginning to end*

### "Finger stretch the word"

*raise a finger for each sound  
left to right*

### "Try a different sound"

*prompt with the sound*

### "Chunk the word"

*break the word into syllables  
and familiar parts*



*Finally, re-read the  
sentence and ask,  
does that make sense?*

## Read and Discuss...



### Before

What made you choose  
this book?

What do you think this  
book will be about?

### During

What has happened so far?

What do you think will  
happen next?

Have you learned any new  
words or facts so far?

Does this book remind you  
of anything in your life?

### After

Can you tell me what you  
read in your own words?

What was your favorite part?

Did the book end the way  
you thought it would?

How would you change the  
ending if you could?



# Raising Readers

## Best Practices for Reading With Your Child



A collaborative of local nonprofits  
supporting literacy achievement  
and promoting the joy of reading in  
Alexandria, Virginia.

# The Science of Reading

An evidence-based approach to teaching reading that emphasizes the systematic and explicit instruction of **phonics, decoding skills, and comprehension strategies.**



Help your child break sentences into **words**, words into **syllables**, and syllables into **sounds**

Examples:

**c a t**  
● ● ●  
/k/ /a/ /t/

Pin - /p/ /i/ /n/  
Fish - /f/ /i/ /sh/  
Blue - /b/ /l/ /oo/  
Jump - /j/ /u/ /m/ /p/  
Stamp - /s/ /t/ /a/ /m/ /p/

# What are the Benefits of Reading Aloud?

Language development

Models fluency

Builds Early Literacy Skills

Bonding and Connection

Fosters love of reading

# What are the components of a Fluent Reader?

**phonemic awareness:** hear, identify, manipulate sounds

**phonics:** letter-sound relationships

**fluency:** reading smoothly, vocabulary

**comprehension:** understanding

# Learn More...

Scan the QR Code to find more helpful resources for reading with your child.



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