

RAI TIPS FOR READING TO CHILDREN



1. **Follow along with your finger as you are reading.** Children will associate the words with what they see on the page.
2. **If the child can read, take turns reading a sentence, a paragraph or a page.**
3. **Ask younger children to sound out a few easy one-syllable words.**
4. **If a word is mispronounced, pronounce it correctly and repeat it together.**
5. **Ask children what words rhyme with words you are reading. For example, dog rhymes with log, hog, and fog.**
6. **Show children how to make a new word by replacing the beginning sound in a word with another sound. For example, CAT becomes MAT.**
7. **Show children how a word is sometimes two words put together, like CUPCAKE or SOMETHING.**
8. **Ask children questions about the pictures in the book. For example:
“What is that? What is he doing? What color is her hat?”**
9. **Ask children questions about what you are reading. For example:
“What will happen next? How is Sue feeling? What would you do?”**
10. **Ask children to connect what is happening in the book to what they have experienced in their own lives. For example:
“Remember when we went to the park?” “Your brother is little too, isn’t he?”**