

## HOW TO READ WITH A BEGINNING READER

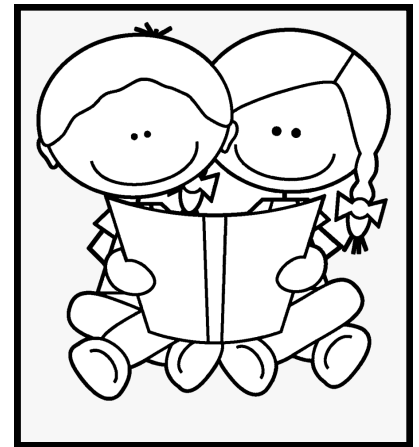
- Encourage your child to use his/her finger to point to each word.
- Read a sentence and have your child repeat it.
- Take turns reading a sentence each or a page each.
- Talk about the story as you read it. What do you think will happen next? What does this story remind you of? How do you think this character feels?
- Don't be afraid to read the same book again! Repeated reading helps build reading fluency.

## CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

- ✓ Start the book by making predictions.  
What do you think will happen in the story?
- ✓ Ask questions and make comments during the reading process.
- ✓ After reading a book, have your child tell you the events from the story in the correct order.
- ✓ What was the problem in this story?
- ✓ How did the character feel when...?

Encourage your child to make connections. Does this story remind you of another book you read, an event in your life, or a movie?

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Reading at home  
can make a **HUGE**  
Difference!

## WHAT ARE THE 5 DOMAINS OF READING?

The 5 components help us understand the components of mastering reading.

### 1. PHONEMIC AWARENESS

Each word is made up of sounds. We can identify number of sounds in a word, which rhyme or change words by changing one sound.

### 2. PHONICS

Knowing which letters make which sounds. We can decode (sound out) words while we read and spell words based on phonics patterns.

### 3. VOCABULARY

Understanding what a word means. We can give a definition or use the clues in the story to help us determine the meaning.

### 4. FLUENCY

The ability to read quickly, accurately and with expression. We can read smoothly, without sounding out words and we can change our voice inflection.

### 5. COMPREHENSION

Understanding what happened in the story and why. We analyze the setting, plot, characters, and theme. We can answer questions before, during, and after reading that show we understood the text as a whole.

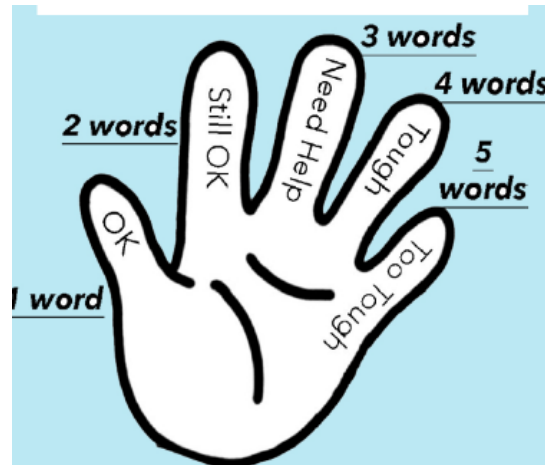
## Choosing the Right Book

When your child is reading, keep expectations appropriate. Together, look for a book that is challenging yet accessible We use the 5 Finger Method to find the right text.

### The Five Finger Method

1. Open the book to any page.
2. Read the words on that page.
3. Keep count of the number of words that your child cannot read.

**\*\*Also choose books that match your child's likes and interests!!**



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## Make Reading a Part of Your Family Time

Family time is so important... Why not make reading part of this valuable time with your kids? Here are some tips for integrating reading into your daily family activities.

- Read bedtime stories
- Play a board game
- Visit the Aiken Library
- Read a recipe and cook something yummy together.
- Create a comfy reading space in your home.
- Put your child in charge of reading the grocery list at the store.

**\*\* Keep plenty of reading materials in your home: books, magazines, newspapers, and comics. Children enjoy having a variety of reading**

