

# What Can I Do at Home?

The Simple View of Reading is a basic way to think about how to get our children reading. This multiplicative equation states:

**Decoding x Language Comprehension = Reading Comprehension**

**Decoding** is a child's ability to look at the letters & words on a page and turn it into speech.

**Language Comprehension** is a child's ability to understand the meaning of words and speech.

## How can I help my child with decoding?

Discuss letters from speech to print:

- Instead of saying, the letter a says /ă/, ask your child what letter represents the /ă/ sound?

Segment words to build phonemic awareness:

- Choose a word and say it aloud (ex. cat)
- Talk about the meaning of the word (Grandma has a cat with soft fur.)
- Tap the phonemes of the word together (/k/-/ă/-/t/)
- Ask how many sound does the word have? (3)
- Say the word together again (cat)

## How can I help my child with language comprehension?

- Read books together that would be too difficult for your child to read alone. Discuss vocabulary words and their meaning.
- Use high level vocabulary words in your daily interactions.
  - Ex. Instead of saying "It's time to **clean** up your toys", say "Its time to **tidy** up."

