

Parental/ Volunteer Tips to increase Student Reading level

1. Ask students teacher for any extra worksheets on reading comprehension, sample reading passages with questions at the end or leveled readers you can borrow and return.
2. Help your student learn to master phonics, which means blending sounds, breaking big words down into smaller words and learning Dolch words.
3. Vocabulary development will increase reading levels. Make flashcards of Dolch words and practice daily reading and writing them. Do only ten or twelve at a time. More than that is too much to absorb in a short time. Review often words already covered.
4. Another proven strategy for increasing reading levels is just to read! Have your student read silently and aloud daily.
5. During read aloud time, listen to see if they self correct after they read a word wrong. If they stumble more than once, have them reread the entire sentence.
6. Before reader gets to the ending, ask student to predict the ending and tell you why they think this will happen. Ask your student to retell the story in their own words.
7. Most children understand what they have read better if they read in a quiet place free from the TV, radio or siblings. Find such a reading spot for your child.
8. As your child reads, take note of any words they don't understand or know and make a list. Look them up together AFTER the story is done. Add them to your flashcard pile to review.
9. Reading fluency is key to reading comprehension. Help your child to "flow" as they read as opposed to reading in a "choppy" or sing song pattern.
10. Sign your child up for summer school, summer learning programs or tutoring so not to lose progress over the summer months. If you are not able to do this, all libraries have a suggested list of books divided by grade level. Start here with the public library.