

# Home Reading



## Before Reading begins:

1. Read the title
2. Explore all of the pictures and discuss - never cover the pictures
3. Activate prior knowledge (link to own experiences)
4. Predict the story

## How to help when a child is "stuck":

1. Point to words as you read
2. Look at the beginning letter and **match with the picture**
3. **Use sounding** for short words (slide finger underneath as you go)
4. For vowels - try the short sound first, then try the long sound
5. For longer words-
  - \* cover up part of the word and sound the syllables
  - \* break into **chunks**
  - \* look for smaller words within
  - \* point out blends, or known spelling patterns
5. Look for **sight words**
6. **Skip** the unknown word and keep reading - go back and see if there is a word that **makes sense** that matches the letter patterns
7. Listen to the word choice - if it sounds strange and does not make sense **try another word**