

HOW-TO

8 STEPS TO LITERACY COACHING AT HOME

Yes, you *can* coach your child's literacy learning at home!

1

SAY THE GOAL. Make sure your child understands the goal. Discuss what is already known about the topic or task.

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SHOW AND TELL. Show your child what is to be done and explain how to do it, if needed.

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DO IT TOGETHER. Try it out together or take turns doing it, if needed.

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HAVE YOUR CHILD DO IT ALONE. Watch and listen as your child tries it alone.

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GIVE FEEDBACK. Encourage, ask questions, and correct mistakes. Be specific, descriptive, and timely when giving feedback.

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REVISIT TROUBLE SPOTS. Have your child try again until mostly understood or successful.

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REVIEW THE GOAL. What did your child learn? Did it match the goal? Repeat the goal again if needed.

8

PRACTICE LATER. Revisit a trouble spot to see if your child remembers correctly. Check for understanding by asking a question or using another example.



TIP: It may be helpful to split up a difficult task or one with a lot of information up and do it in parts to make it more manageable.

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