YOUR STARTING POINT

ROUTE TO READING

HOW TO PRACTICE READING AT HOME

The journey starts at home. When you read with your child or help with homework, these five steps will help you support them — no special equipment or lesson plans needed.

Listen

Notice sounds, letters, or words that seem hard. Hesitation is a signal.

Look

Watch for frustration in your child's face and body, not just their words.



Wait

Give your child time to work it out. Offer a hint, not the answer.

Encourage

Use praise and reassurance. Reading should feel positive, not punishing.

Talk

Share what you notice with your child's teacher. Your home observations matter.

BE YOUR CHILD'S NAVIGATOR

You don't need to have all the answers. Listen, look, wait, encourage, and talk. That's everything your child needs from you.

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