



Learn the Tip

- **Notice the tricky word:** When your child struggles with a word, think *Is this a word my child may run into again?*
- **Wait and praise:** Have patience. Sometimes readers just need a little time. Use questions to coach your child and remind them to look at the letters.
- **Go back and reread with expression:** You can ask your child to reread the whole sentence or, for older kids, two or three sentences.

Why this tip?

Reading *fluently*, or smoothly with expression, is a very important reading skill. Rereading after your child has already figured out a tricky word is a great way for them to practice reading fluently.



Ask Your Child

Younger kids

- Can you use your finger and read it sound by sound?
- You can do it! Keep trying!
- Do you see any word parts you know inside that tricky word?

Older kids

- Does that word you're saying match the letters and sounds you see?
- Can you scoop that word into a phrase with the words around it?
- Let's go back and reread from the beginning.



Playfully Practice

The next time you watch a movie, turn the subtitles on. Periodically pause and invite your child to read the subtitles on the screen twice, each time as fluently as they can. Then push play and listen to how the people in the movie said the words.

