



## Learn the Tip

1. **Warm-up:** Help your child pause and do a practice read-through. Figure out any words.
2. **Scoop phrases:** With your child, practice scooping their finger under the words to mentally make phrases. Remember, don't sound like a robot!
3. **Put the scoops together:** Invite your child to put it all together. Read the sentence as smoothly and *scooped* as possible.

### Why this tip?

With this tip, you'll coach your child to sound more like a storyteller by showing them how to *scoop* together a few words to make a phrase. This helps your child avoid the robot voice and move from choppy word-by-word reading to the more fluent, reading-in-phrases reading.



## Ask Your Child

*Younger kids:*

- Let's pause or slow down and figure out the words.
- Great job solving those words. Can you scoop these two words together?
- Can you try putting it all together?

*Older kids:*

- Can you read those words in a phrase?
- Did that scooping sound like talking?
- Awesome job reading like a storyteller. Remember to push your eyes ahead while you scoop to see what's coming!



## Playfully Practice

Play "Save the Robot!" Take turns being the robot that gets "saved" and turned into a human.

- First, whoever is the robot reads aloud a sentence (or page) in their best robot (choppy, word-by-word) voice.
- Then their partner looks for the magic button on the robot. Is it on their back? On the bottom of their shoe? When they push the button, the robot turns in to a human.
- As a new human, the robot can't wait to read the sentence in their new human (smooth) voice.
- Switch roles and play again with a new page.

