



ESOL Reading Tips for Parents

1. Be **enthusiastic** about what you and your child are about to read. Create a background talking about the topic beforehand, discussing the pictures in the book, making a preview of the book. Enthusiasm is key and it is contagious! If you're happy to read, your child will be happy, too! 😊
2. Children feel confident and competent when they read books that are "**just right**." But how do you find a "just right" book? Have your child read the back and front cover, and first page of the book. If there are more than five words that he cannot pronounce or understand in context, the book may be too challenging. Be supportive about finding a more perfect fit. Choosing the right book will help your little reader feel successful.
3. There are reading opportunities **everywhere**. Go to a greeting card store with your child and read the greeting cards together. Later, vote for the ones whose words convey the best birthday wish or get-well sentiment.
4. **Labels** - Word recognition and vocabulary are important parts of reading. On a rainy day, get some paper and tape and start labeling everything in your home -- from furniture to small knick-knacks. Reading these labels repeatedly will build your child's mental word bank. If your family is bilingual, create labels in both languages.
5. Take time to read **comic strips** together. Share favorites from your own childhood and have your child put his favorites on the fridge. Read them aloud, and often -- repetition is a great way to build reading skills. Soon, he'll love looking forward to the "Sunday funnies" each week.

ESOL Online resources for reading and supplementing learning:

www.englishforeveryone.org FREE! This is your resource for printable English worksheets. From New Comers learning basic grammar skills to 12th grade students practicing their reading comprehension skills, this website offers activities to learn and practice verb tenses, synonyms and antonyms, parts of speech, forming questions, matching, spelling, crossword puzzles, sentence construction etc. (k-12, all levels)

www.learningchocolate.org FREE! This site is designed to help students new to the country memorize English vocabulary in an easy, fun way that really works. All the exercises use pictures, sounds, and games to make learning a new language as fun as enjoying a piece of chocolate! © (target audience: New Comer students learning basic every day English vocabulary)

www.bigactivities.com- FREE! This website offers a wide variety of activities for kids, e.g. flashcards, math worksheets, word scrambles, word searches, crossword puzzles etc.). All these can be printed for free! (grades k-5)

www.k12reader.com FREE! Here you'll find thousands of free, printable reading and writing worksheets to use at home. You'll find worksheets that cover spelling, reading comprehension, vocabulary, grammar, writing, and more (k-6th)

www.readwork.org This website provides a large, high-quality library of nonfiction and literary articles, along with reading comprehension and vocabulary lessons, passages, texts, assessments and teaching guidance, and answer keys for the comprehension questions. This is a professional website used by many teachers. It can also be used by parents to encourage their children to read more. (k-12th)

www.khanacademy.org FREE! Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom. They tackle math, science, computer programming, history, art history, economics, and more. Their math missions guide learners from kindergarten to calculus using state-of-the-art, adaptive technology that identifies strengths and learning gaps. They've also partnered with institutions like NASA, The Museum of Modern Art, The California Academy of Sciences, and MIT to offer specialized content. (k-12, but recommended mostly for middle and high school students).