

Listening to your child read

Three things to do

1. Ask your child to read the sounds and words before they read the story. They will enjoy teaching you to read these words too.
2. When your child reads the story, encourage them to read the word in Fred Talk if they hesitate or read it incorrectly. Praise them when they succeed.
3. Read back each sentence or page to keep the plot moving - your child's energy is going into reading the words not the story.

Three things *not* to do

1. Don't read the story to them first.
2. Don't ask your child to guess a word by looking the pictures.
3. And, importantly, please try not to become irritable if your child ever struggles! Keep smiling!

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