

A Special Note

While it is important to encourage and support your child's efforts to learn English, research shows that children who are read to in their native language (such as Tagalog) will have an easier time learning to read in their second language (such as English).

This means that by developing your child's literacy skills in their first language, you will be making it easier for them to learn to speak, read, and write English in the future.



The aim of this brochure is to provide parents of English Language Learners with simple tips they can use to enhance their child's learning experience. The tips are intended to be quick and easy tools that parents can make part of everyday life.

Read every day. Read together. Make reading fun!



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1. Tap into their interest and hobbies. Kids are more likely to read about what they find really interesting, like sports or crafts. Don't worry if it's a comic book, magazine, or an illustrated novel; just remember all reading is good! When you go to the library, consider letting your kids choose their own books.

2. Keep reading with your child. Kids are never too old to be read to. Read to them or let them read to you. Read a variety of materials - magazines, books, newspapers, comic books, etc.

3. Check out your public library for new books. Your local library has excellent resources - books, DVDs, magazines, newspapers, and internet access. Best of all you can usually get a **free** library card. Libraries get new resources in all the time, try to go regularly.

4. Give praise. The best motivation can come from your positive feedback. Whenever your child finishes a reading or writing assignment, ask them about what was read or written and praise their efforts.

5. Read as much as possible. Encourage your older kids to read to younger kids. This will help them practice reading out loud and the younger children will enjoy being read to. Best of all, they get to spend some quality time together.

6. Books make great gifts. Ask family members and friends to give a book instead of a toy as a gift. Make sure to tell them about your child's reading level and interests. If you'd like to build up a home library, check out garage sales or the library's book sale.

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7. Ask your children why they're reading. Ask what the book is about, what is most enjoyable about it, or ask them to describe a character to you. Asking children questions about what they have read encourages them to become more active readers.

8. Games can be great learning tools. Trivia games and board games such as Junior Trivial Pursuit or Junior Scrabble can be a fun way to learn about words and readings. Children have such a good time playing, they don't realize they are learning.

