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Helping Your Child Learn to Read

1. **Read to your child.** Choose books that you both enjoy. Instill a love of books and reading by setting aside time every day!
2. **Play word games.** Nursery rhymes, games, and songs will attune the child's ear to sounds and rhymes.
3. **Play song games.** Think of a word that begins with "M"
 Mmmmm Mop, map, man, mog... Nonsense words are fun too!
4. **Practice beginning sound concepts** by picking a symbol such as moon. Say, "What do you hear first when I say moon?" The beginning sound is "mmm". Show the letter "m". Try others!
5. **After beginning sounds, move on to writing three-letter words.** Practice each sound in the word. Point to each letter in the word reading sequence. Write "mat". Point to "m"... Say "mmm"... Point to "a"... Say "aaa". Blend through the vowel "ma"... Point to "t"... Say "tft"... Say it fast... Then, faster!
6. **Label pictures or objects around your home.** Have your child read these labels (table, chair, door, window, etc.).
7. **Write short stories that your child dictates to you.** Make a small book with your child's drawings and stories. Read them back often.
8. **Sing alphabet songs, real or made up!**
9. **Encourage your child to write letters, words and draw pictures.**
10. **Play games with blocks, memory cards, and assemble easy jigsaw puzzles.**
11. **Tell stories. Ask your child to extend them.**
12. **When you read, point out a short word and repeat it.** Have your child repeat it. Soon your child will be interested in what other words look like too!
13. **Encourage your child to act out his/her stories.**
14. **Be sensitive to your child's attention span.** Expect short practice times. This keeps learning a rewarding and fun experience!
15. **Best of all, have fun supporting your young one as they learn how to read!**

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★ Draw a book character on the back.

➤ **My Favorite Summer Stories**

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