

Top Tips for Successful Reading at Home

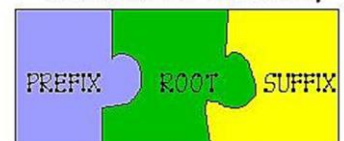
Make reading fun. Sharing books should be enjoyable. **Talk about the pictures/cover** to get ideas about the text.



Stuck on a word?

- Split the word into sounds, eg **c-r-a-sh** and blend them together;
- Try to work out words that can't be blended
 - look at the sentence;
- Look for words within a word or the 'root' word eg foot/ball, **magician**;
- Break down words into sections eg prefixes (**dis**appear) and suffixes (comfort**able**).

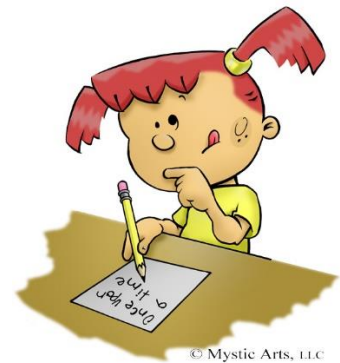
WORD PARTS ARE
LIKE PARTS OF A PUZZLE!



- Make a note of any **tricky words** at the bottom of the page.
- **Draw attention to punctuation** to help children read with feeling.
- **Talk about the book** as much as possible, eg
 - Ask questions about the story or particular words.
 - Get children to describe what has happened.
 - Discuss what might happen next.



- With your child, **use the comments section** to record:
 - Whether or not the book was interesting;
 - If the book was too easy or too difficult to read;
 - What they have enjoyed most about the book.



*If your child is reluctant to read, don't get angry but **don't** give up.*



*Aim to do little and often **but not when they are tired**;
Read a section aloud before children read to set the 'mood'.
Share the reading - a sentence, a paragraph or a page each;
Try to read at the same time so reading becomes routine.*

Thank you for all your help and support with reading - it's invaluable.