

Reading at Home: Printable Checklist

A quick guide for families, teachers, & homeschoolers

Build a Simple Routine

- ☐ Pick a consistent time (after snack, before bed, etc.)
- ☐ Choose a book together
- ☐ Preview the book: title, pictures, quick prediction
- ☐ Create a cozy, quiet spot with good lighting
- ☐ Talk daily & ask open-ended questions

R-E-A-D Self-Check

- ☐ **Rhythm & Phrasing:** "How I group words"
- ☐ **Expression & Volume:** "How I read with expression"
- ☐ **Automatic Word Reading:** "How smooth I sound"
- ☐ **Deliberate Pacing:** "How I keep the pace"

High-Impact Strategies (pick 1-2 per night)

- ☐ Model read-aloud (use expression)
- ☐ Partner reading (take turns)
- ☐ Choral reading (read together; adult a whisper ahead)
- ☐ Repeated reading (revisit favorites)
- ☐ Daily reading time: 15-30 min

When Stuck on a Word

- ☐ Circle prefixes/suffixes (re-, un-, -ing, -ed)
- ☐ Underline vowels
- ☐ Scoop each part as you say it
- ☐ Blend the parts to say the whole word

Talk Before, During, After

- ☐ **Before:** preview, predict
- ☐ **During:** pause to check understanding, clarify
- ☐ **After:** summarize the big idea & discuss feelings/connections

Summarizing Moves

- ☐ **Paragraph Shrinking:**
Who/what?
Who/what's most important?
Main idea in 10 words or less?
- ☐ **Find the GIST:**
Who/What?
Did what?
When?
Where?
Why?
How?



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