



Reading Strategies for Key Stage One



Using Picture Clues

Children use pictures in books to gain clues about the story. If they are not sure what the words mean they can use the pictures to see if there are any people, objects or actions in the picture that might make sense in the sentence.

Sounding Out Words

We use this method in school to get the children to try and read the word even if they are not too sure. Start with the first letter and say each letter-sound out loud with your child. Blend the sounds together with your child and try to say the word.

Re-read the sentence

If your child is struggling to understand the meaning of a word then a good strategy is to re-read the sentence with the child. Get the child to think about what word might make sense in the sentence.

Keep Reading

If there is an unfamiliar word in a sentence that your child really isn't sure of keep reading the sentence and look for clues. If the word is repeated, compare the second sentence to the first. What word might make sense in both?

Re-tell and Summarise

After you have finished reading a book with your child it is really good to get the children to re-tell the story to you. This is a good way of challenging their understanding of the story.