

# Ten Tips for Parents

# Parents

1. Listen to your children talk
  - Sounds
  - Syllables
  - Word finding
2. Listen to your children read
  - Accuracy
  - Speed
  - Expression

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3. Expand their fund of world knowledge
  - Field trips and road trips
  - Discovery and History channel
  - Museums
  
4. Talk to your children
  - At dinner time
  - In the car
  - Doing chores or projects together

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5. Read to your children
  - Young children
  - Older children
  
6. Provide opportunities for your children to develop literacy and their love of literacy as independent learners
  - Books on CD, podcasts, e-readers, view the films after reading the books, etc.

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7. Seek a comprehensive evaluation for your child
  - If you believe they are struggling,
  - If they show you they are struggling, and
  - If their teacher lets you know they are struggling
  - If you have a history of reading difficulties in your immediate and extended families
  - Preschoolers, elementary, middle and high school

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## 8. Ensure that the comprehensive evaluation includes:

- Cognitive
- Receptive vocabulary
- Oral language comprehension
- Oral language organization/sentence structure understanding and formulation
- Word retrieval
- Rapid naming
- Phonological awareness and processing:
  - Segmenting
  - Blending
  - Manipulation
- Reading decoding
- Reading comprehension
- Reading fluency
- Spelling
- Spontaneous written language production
- Other academic skills
- Executive function if appropriate

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9. Help your child understand their learning difference

10. Seek information about reading, dyslexia, and reading difficulty

- The Dyslexia Foundation
- National Institute for Childhood Health and Development (NICHD)
- U.S. Department of Education/Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)
- Institute of Education Sciences (IES)
- International Dyslexia Association (IDA)
- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
- National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD)
- National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY)