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.
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)