

BEFORE READING

SELECT A VARIETY OF TEXTS:

Pick out texts together to get your child excited about reading time! Include a variety of text types:

- VISUAL TEXTS: photographs, artwork, maps, etc.
- AUDIO TEXTS: audio books, podcasts, radio shows, etc.
 - TECHNICAL TEXTS: instructions, recipes, sheet music, etc.
 - MULTIMODAL TEXTS: movies, commercials, websites, etc.



USE THE "RULE OF THUMB":

When deciding if a text is too hard or too easy, have your child read any one page from the middle of the book. For every word he doesn't know and can't figure out based on context clues, have him count with his fingers. If there are 0–1 unknown words, the book will likely be more of a pleasure read. If there are 2 or more unknown words on one page, the text will be challenging.



Set a purpose for reading to increase your child's motivation to read.

Typical reading purposes include:

- To find a funny part.
- To learn about a topic.
- To discover the author's message.
- To follow directions to make/do something.



