

# 10 Ways to Help Maintain Reading Skills

1. Remember that practice is the key to maintaining skills.



2. Make sure your child reads at least 25 on-level books per year.

3. Stop at the bookstore or library often.

4. Let your children see you reading, too.

5. Work on vocabulary by talking with your child often.

6. Make some flash cards with words on one set of cards and matching definitions on another set of cards. Create and play some word games like Memory or Go Fish. Choose some new words. Play Tic-Tac-Toe using the words instead of the traditional X and O.

7. All family members can bring a new vocabulary word and definition to the dinner table to share. Follow with additional discussion and conversation.

8. Discuss what you're reading before and during as well as after the reading.

9. Make connections to the reading. Text-to-self, Text-to-world, and Text-to-text. *(correct grammar please)*

10. Model fluent reading. Read aloud to your child to show what expressive and smooth reading sounds like.