



**Big Brothers
Big Sisters®**

Tips For Helping w/ Reading:

Accuracy: Don't know letters or sounds: Phonetics (linking chart), read books at their level to gain confidence and gradually push them, break down words into parts/syllables, talk about word families (prefixes and suffixes), teach grade level sight words.

Alphabet Linking Chart		Aa	Bb
abc	defghijklmnop	apple	bear
q	rstuvwxyz		
Cc	Dd	Ee	Ff
cat	dog	egg	fish
Gg	Hh	Ii	Jj
gate	hat	igloo	jelly
Kk	Ll	Mm	Nn
kite	leaf	moon	nest
Oo	Pp	Qq	Rr
octopus	pig	queen	ring
Ss	Tt	Uu	Vv
sun	turtle	umbrella	vacuum
Ww	Xx	Yy	Zz
window	x-ray	yoyo	zipper

Kindergarten Sight Words

all	four	out	this
am	get	please	too
are	good	pretty	under
at	have	ran	want
ate	he	ride	was
be	into	saw	well
black	like	say	went
brown	must	she	what
but	new	so	white
came	no	soon	who
did	now	that	will
do	on	there	with
eat	our	they	yes

CVC Word Families

If I can read [] then I can read []

Short a Words

-at	-ag	-an	-ap	-am	-ab	-ad
bat	bag	ban	cap	ban	bab	bad
cat	dag	can	nag	ham	lab	sad
mat	wag	ran	nap	ram	nab	dad
rat	zag	ran	gap	Pam	nab	lad
			top	Sam	gab	

Short e Words

-et	-en	-eg	-ed
het	hen	teg	red
wet	pen	peg	bed
pet	men	beg	fed
vet	ken	leg	led

Short i Words

-ig	-ip	-in	-it	-ix	-im
pig	tip	pin	pit	six	rim
wig	tip	pin	hit	fix	him
dig	sip	pin	sit	mix	dim
fig	tip	sit	bit	Kim	Tim
big		sit	bit		

Short o Words

-og	-ot	-op	-ob
dog	rot	pop	job
hog	pot	pop	rob
log	dot	pop	bob
bog		pop	

Short u Words

-ug	-un	-ut	-ub
bug	sun	nut	bug
hug	fun	cut	hub
bug	fun	cut	hub
tug	bun	nut	hub
rug	pun	nut	hub

Suffixes & Prefixes



Prefixes	Meaning	Examples	Suffixes	Meaning	Examples
Un-	Not	Unfriendly	-ful	notable for	woeful
Under-	Under	Understand	-er, -or	one who	the narrator
tri-	three	triangle	-ous, -ous	characterized	studious
therm-	heat	thermometer	-en	become	strengthen
sub-	under	submarine	-ize, -ise*	become	socialize
Sub-	Under	Subeditor	-ish	having quality	snobbish
semi-	half	semi-final	-ism	belief	skepticism
re-	again	return	-ness	state of being	rudeness
pre-	before	prefix	-ify, -fy	make	rectify
Pre-	Before	Prefix	-al	process of	rebuttal
post-	after	post-mortem	-ment	condition of	punishment
para-	beside	paramedic	-ist	one who	plagiarist
Over-	Over	Overlook	-ity, -ty	quality of	parity
omni-	all, every	omnivore	-wise	in relation to	lengthwise
non-	not, without	nonsense	-less	without	lawless
mono-	one, singular	monocrop	-ship	position held	kinship
mis-	wrongly	misinterpret	ab	from, away	Abnormal
mid-	middle	midway	ante	before	Antecedent
macro-	large	macroeconomics	-ate	become	enunciate
inter-, intra-	between	intermediate	-al	pertaining to	emotional
im-, in-	into	insert	-ic, -ical	pertaining to	domestic
In-, im-, il-, ir-	Not	Injustice	-ive	having nature	divisive
infra-	beneath	infrared	-acy	stage	delicacy
In-	In	Infield	-esque	reminiscent of	burlesque



Tips For Helping w/ Reading:

Comprehension: Doesn't understand what is happening:

1. Make connections to their life? Have you been to the park? The museum, the lake, etc... Does that happen at your school? Has that ever happened at your house? Does your baby brother cry? Has that ever happened at your school?
2. Ask frequent page by page questions (What did the character wear? Where were they at? What did characters do on the previous page? What do you think will happen next? How is the character feeling?)
3. Make Mind Movies: Have them imagine out loud what they read, if they can not do it model it for them.
4. What's Important? Ask them to identify the key details from what they read.
5. Make predictions about what happens next.
6. Have them describe (Physically and Psychologically) the character of the story to you in their own words. Make them show you in the book where they got that detail if they are both right or wrong.
7. Read out Loud!