

READ WITH ME!

Tips for Engaging Reluctant Readers

TRY NEW THINGS

Explore different places and formats for reading like listening to an audiobook while driving or reading on a tablet in a hammock outside. Let them read without judgment. Reading Pokemon cards is still reading!

READ TO THEM

Reading aloud together is a bonding activity, regulates emotions, and inspires empathy. Build it into your daily routine for very small bites; watch screen adaptations of your favorite books for movie night inspiration.

KEEP IT LIGHT

Vary your voice, volume, and pace to match characters and emotions when reading aloud together. Try out funny accents and use dramatic pauses to build anticipation. Make them laugh with joke/prank books.

CHOICE MATTERS

Allow kids to select reading material to create a sense of ownership, interest, and excitement. Nonfiction is always a great option too. If they find a series they like, go with it!

GET HIGH-LOW BOOKS

Introduce books with high interest content appealing to their age but that might have less words.

VISIT THE LIBRARY

Never doubt in the power of a librarian to find a great book. Best of all, it's free!

Just 10 minutes a day can make a lifelong impact

