

What can I do to help my child understand what s/he reads?

However much time you dedicate to reading...

1. Halve it
2. Spend the extra bit of time talking about their reading:
 - What did you like? ...Why/ why not?
 - What have you found out? ...Tell me more about that!
 - Wow! Show me...
 - Really?!
 - •What do you think will happen?
 - What can you find out about from that?

More 'talking about reading'

- This bit reminds me of....
- What do you think?
- How do you feel about...?
- Can you explain that to me?
- Do you agree with that opinion?
- Do you like the bit where...?
- I wonder if...?
- I would hate that to happen to me – would you?
- I wonder why the writer has done that?

Play word games

“Hangman”

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Board Games

Boggle

Scrabble

Upwords

Bananagrams

Wordsearches and Crosswords

(for children)

Read regularly to your child

And especially

Read to them

for the sheer pleasure of it (even if your motive is academic success).