



Bambini English

Learning to Read



Reading is hard. It takes time to get good at reading whether it's a first language or a second.

Main difficulties children have with learning to read:

1. Kids think they will be quizzed on the book
2. They believe they have to finish the whole book no matter how difficult or long
3. They have books they aren't interested in
4. They don't see their parents reading English books
5. They are struggling to remember the sounds

Things parents do to discourage children from reading:

1. Nagging your child while they read
2. Judging your child's performance
3. Criticizing your child's choice of books
4. Making them read books that are too difficult or long
5. Quizzing your child on words or content
6. Getting upset if they are slow or can't remember or need help
7. Expecting kids to be able to read or understand every word

Things that help:

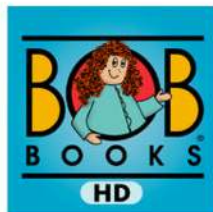
1. Giving them the answer and saying it a few times is better than trying to coax an answer from a child who doesn't know.
2. More easier books is better than very few harder books, but take your children's cues on this. Some students like to challenge themselves and as long as they are happy to slowly work their way through a hard book, that's fine too, even if they don't understand or are able to read every word.
3. Let students choose the books they want to read
4. Make the time you spend reading together fun and relaxing
5. Set an amount of time to read for, not a number of pages (esp. for younger readers)

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