



READINESS SKILL  
STARTS READING AT THE TOP  
OF A PAGE

Reading Readiness skills will help prepare your child to learn how to read. Your child will use these very simple but important skills every time they pick up a book to read in the future.

**Starting to read at the top of the page** is a skill that becomes so automatic that our eyes naturally go to the top of a new page each time we read. Then our eyes follow the words to the bottom of the page. This is how we made sense of reading.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD WITH THIS SKILL AT HOME?

1. Make sure your child understands the concept of top and bottom. Make a stack of blocks, books, cans, or stuffed animals. Ask your child to point to the top, then to the bottom.
2. Point to words as you read to emphasize how we move from the top to the bottom of the page while reading. You can even point together, moving your child's finger so they get the feeling of moving down a page.
3. Explain how we start over on each page. On a new page, we locate the top, find the words, and read to the bottom.
4. Using old mail or magazines, circle the beginning word to read on each page or sheet of paper. Draw arrows down to the bottom of the page and circle the final word.
5. Notice tricky pages in some books where the words are in the middle or closer to the bottom of the page. Point out that you still begin reading at the top line of the words and move to the bottom.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AT HOME!