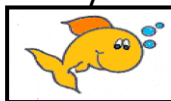


When helping your child read at home, several strategies may be used to aid in decoding unknown words.

- Tell your child to look at the picture. You may tell your child the word is something that can be seen in the picture, if that is the case. PUPPET: EAGLE EYE



- Ask your child to get his/her mouth ready to say the sound of the first letter of the word. PUPPET: LIPS THE FISH



- Ask your child to go on and read to the end of the sentence. Often by reading the other words in context, the child can figure out the unknown word. PUPPET: SKIPPY THE FROG

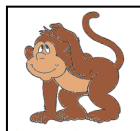


- If the child says the wrong word while reading, ask questions like: Does it make sense? Does it sound right? Does it look right? Have your child reread the sentence.

PUPPET: TRYING LION



- Tell your child to look for chunks in the word, such as **it** in sit, **at** in mat, or **and** and **ing** in standing. PUPPET: CHUNKY MONKEY



- One of our last strategies to try is to have your child slowly "stretch the sounds" in the word and then blend those sounds together.

PUPPET: STRETCHY SNAKE



- If the word doesn't sound right, FLIP the vowel. Try the short and long vowel sound.

PUPPET: FLIPPY THE DOLPHIN



\*\*Don't forget to remind your child to always THINK about what's happening in the story!



