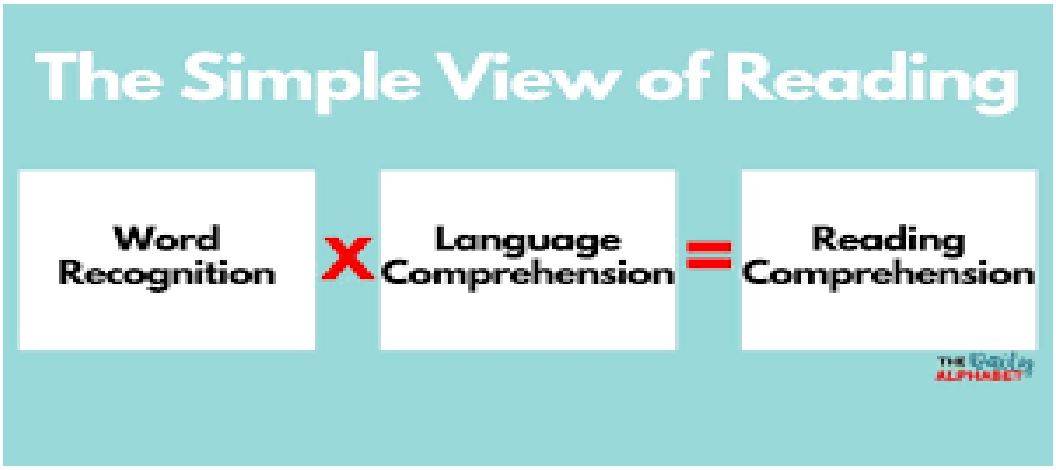
The Simple View of Reading



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What Parents Can Do to Support Reading

- **Build Language Comprehension:**
  - **Read Aloud:** This is particularly impactful for young children, introducing vocabulary, context, and story structure.
  - **Discuss and Retell:** After reading, have your child explain what happened, encouraging them to use details from the text.
  - **Expand Vocabulary:** Choose new "words of the day" and challenge your child to use them in conversation.
  - **Ask Questions:** Go beyond basic facts and ask "why" and "how" questions to build critical thinking and inferential skills.

- **Develop Decoding (Word Recognition) Skills:**
  - **Explicitly Teach Letter Sounds:** Show your child how to sound out letters and blend them to make words.
  - **Practice Decoding:** Once they grasp the basics, practice with them using flashcards or books.
  - **Point Out Language Structure:** During read-alouds, point out punctuation, sentence structure, and other language features.