

At Home Activities

The "Teleprompter Glitch"

Your child reads a paragraph aloud, pretending to be a professional news anchor reading a live teleprompter. You act as the glitching tech. At random intervals, call out prompts like:

- "Double Time!" Your child must read at twice the speed with flawless clarity.
- "Buffer!" They must hold a dramatic pause on a punctuation mark without breaking character.
- "Live Feed Clear!" They return to a perfect, expressive conversational pace.

The "True Meaning" Game

Have your child read a line of dialogue from the text with a highly stylized vocal delivery (e.g., sarcasm, anxiety). Immediately after, say "Translation" and have your child summarize the character's real internal motivation in the exact same voice.

Choral Read

You and your child read the exact same sentence. Try to stay together and finish at the same time.

The Navigation System

Your child closes their eyes. You read a sentence from the book out loud, but suddenly stop right in the middle. On the count of three, they open their eyes, locate the exact spot where you stopped on the dense page, and finish reading the sentence aloud with uninterrupted fluency as if they never closed their eyes.

Reading Points

Your child reads the text. They get 1 point for a standard or basic word, 5 points if they read a more complex word, and 10 points if they read and explain the definition of a complex word. Have them keep track of how many points they earn.

Reading Obstacle Course

Assign a physical action to punctuation marks. Your child reads a text aloud while walking across the room. When they encounter a comma, they must take a giant sidestep while pausing their voice. When they hit a semicolon, they must spin around 180 degrees and continue reading in a lower vocal pitch. When they hit a period, they must stop, take a full breath, and pivot to a new direction.

Did You Know?

Despite their growing independence, 6th graders still benefit immensely when parents ask them to explain the "big ideas" of what they are reading, which helps cement their abstract reasoning skills.

