

# 7 Strategies to Build Strong Readers

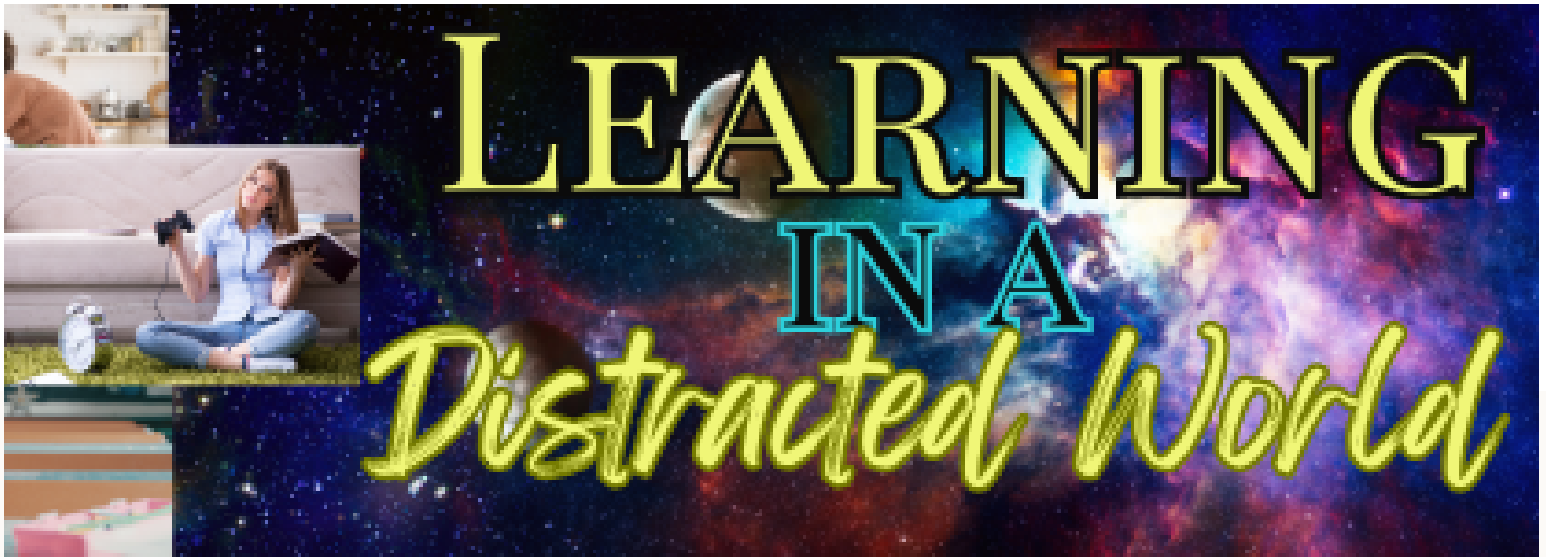
Learn strategies to help your child become a successful and confident reader!



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## Introduction:

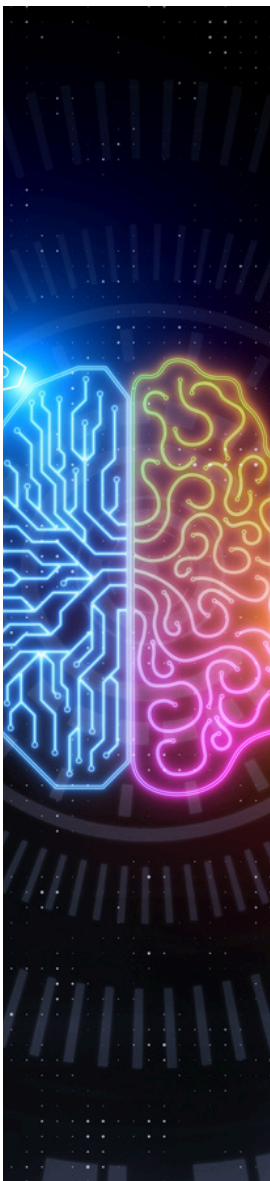
### **Learning in a Distracted World**

We are living in an information age! Literacy is becoming an increasingly necessary set of skills for interacting in even the most basic parts of our society. Many of the jobs and success paths of the future will require your child to develop cognitive skills far beyond the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic. This new information age makes learning more accessible through multimedia support, but the most important aspects still lie in the written word.

# THE FUTURE: Is Your Child Ready?

Many of the jobs or success paths your child will face in the future haven't been invented yet. Think back to how much education has changed since you were in elementary school. Could you have imagined a world in which every student had access to a laptop and the majority of their assessments were online exams? Sci-fi fans may have had some inclination, but most of us would have never imagined the role social media now plays in our everyday lives.

You may be thinking everything is now in a video format, so why is it important that my child learns how to read in print? It is true that much has changed and learning is definitely more accessible, but this creates a paradox in which the gap that divides is becoming wider by the second. Given the complexities of our world it is safe to assume that our children will need a more in depth ability to interact with information. This means they need a more sophisticated understanding of not only how our language works, but also the subtleties of how our language is used to influence outcomes.



# 7 STRATEGIES TO Help Your Child Read Successfully!

## 1. **Build Phonemic Awareness Skills:**

Play word games in the car.

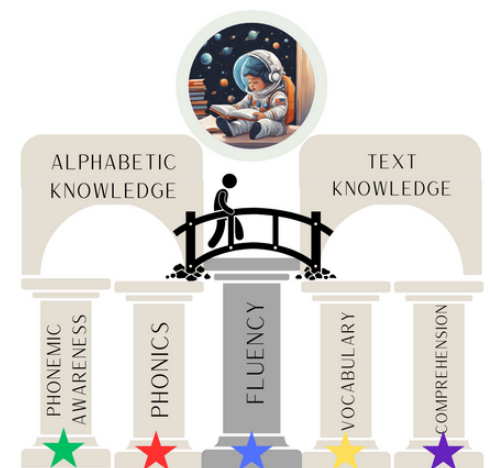
- Rhyming
- Lyrics
- Word Hunts

## 2. **Improve Reading and Spelling:**

Help your child develop an understanding of phonics patterns.

## 3. **Build Fluency Skills:**

Use multiple readings of short text or picture books to build fluency. Be sure to correct for accuracy. Accuracy is more important than speed!



"Reading is the gateway to learning. It's our passion to help children develop that skill and open up a world of opportunities for them."

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4. **BIULD CONTENT KNOWLEDGE:**  
Use shared family audiobooks and read-alouds to spark conversations. This will also increase your child's vocabulary and content knowledge.



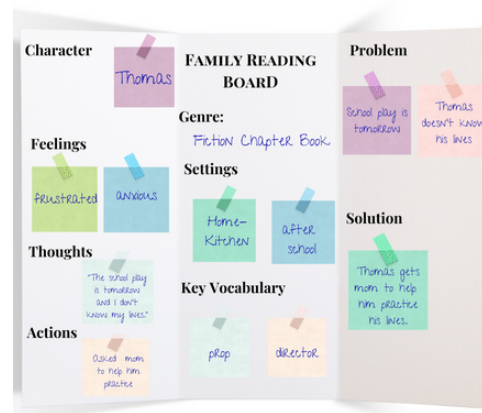
5. **Highlight Story Elements & Text Features:**  
During shared family read-alouds point out key story elements and text features.

6. **Use Nonfiction Text to Build Background Knowledge**

In addition to building vocabulary, reading a variety of nonfiction text will help your child build background knowledge.

- 7 **Capture the Learning**

Create a family reading board and use sticky notes to capture the learning. This will help you have meaningful and rich conversations about the text!



Use sticky notes and a trifold board to capture learning as you read. This will serve as a reference point during family discussions.

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