

HAND OUT 2: The Reading Pyramid for Parents

Reading consists of many different kinds of skills and parts. When we're using the 4 processes from Reciprocal Teaching we are primarily focusing on the top of the pyramid: Reading (or Listening) Comprehension as well as developing vocabulary.

If your child is not a confident reader you can read to them and still use the questions. If they are happy to read, let them read and you can stop them at certain points and think about some of the questions.

If possible allow them to choose the book. This can have a boost on motivation and it can generate a love of books that may be harder to do if they can only rely on their own reading skills.

If they struggle with reading some words just give them the words in this case as the focus is not on developing phonics or decoding skills but on fostering enjoyment of the story and getting pleasure from reading together. They still see the text, develop their thinking skills, and improve their vocabulary so it is a very worthwhile exercise for any level of reading ability.

