

## THE FIVE ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF READING

Adults can help children learn to be good readers by systematically practicing these five components:

### Reading Fluency

Developing the ability to read a text accurately and quickly

### Vocabulary development

Learning the meaning and pronunciation of words

### Phonics

Understanding the relationships between written letters and spoken sounds (decoding)  
*Ex. B-a-t reads \_\_\_\_\_*

### Reading comprehension

Acquiring strategies to understand, remember and communicate what is read

### Phonemic awareness

Recognizing and using individual sounds to create words

*Ex. What sound do hear at the end of \_\_\_\_\_?*





## Tutor Tips

1. Be firm. Know your purpose

2. Be prepared

3. Choose books together and use a variety of books

4. Ask questions about the text

5. Make connections to the text (child and tutor)

6. Pick a comfortable spot to read

7. Let them hear you read (voice and pace)

8. Discuss new words

9. Learn one new thing each meeting

10. Give lots of encouragement and keep expectations high!