

## Ways to Support Reading in The Home

1. Read with your son/daughter on a regular basis. A minimum of once a week, or better, two times a week. You can read in your own language or in English.
2. Discuss together what you have read. Parent tells son/daughter what he/she has read. Son/daughter shares what they understood from the story. THIS IS NOT A LESSON in which the child is corrected.
3. Your son/daughter should also read on his/her own for pleasure. The book must be something he/she can read. It should be easy enough to read without checking the dictionary frequently. The book should be on a topic of interest. The book should be self-chosen.
4. Ask your son/daughter what they are studying in each class. They would normally have a new story or new topic every week. Ask what the story or the topic is about.
5. Go to the Vancouver Public Library. Get a library card for each family member. (You will need some identification)
6. Some students like to get English books that they have read in their first language. This can be a useful bridge when choosing books at the beginning level.
7. You son/daughter can also borrow book-cassette packages from the library in which the story is read aloud on the tape and the reader can follow in the book. Such tapes and/or dvds are also available at bookstores such as Chapters or Indigo.
8. Buy a good English dictionary such as, Essential English Dictionary, available at the UBC Bookstore. This dictionary will support your learning once you are reading at a grade 5 level and will be a useful tool in your English classes.