

CRITICAL STEPS FOR BEGINNER READERS

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As a teacher, I know firsthand how crucial it is to acquire reading skills. Everyone, regardless of age, benefits significantly from developing their reading skills. However, the first steps toward reading proficiency might be intimidating for novice readers. I will review essential guidelines for new readers and sources to support their efficacy in this piece.

Learning to recognize sounds in words is the first step for beginning readers. It requires isolating and adjusting word sounds individually. The National Reading Panel (2000) argues that phonemic awareness is essential to reading comprehension. It has been demonstrated that kids with good phonemic awareness learn to read more easily. Therefore, an excellent place to start for beginning readers is with phonemic awareness exercises like rhyming, sound segmentation, and sound blending.

Learning primary phonics is the second essential stage for new readers. Letters and their corresponding sounds are the focus of phonics. Learning the sounds of each letter and letter combinations, such as digraphs and blends, is essential for beginning readers. They must be taught to decode words by hearing individual phonemes and putting them together to form a whole.

Learning to read quickly is the third and last phase for new readers. The ability to read accurately, rapidly, and expressively is what we mean when we talk about fluency. Practice reading aloud using methods like rereading, choral reading, and echo reading is recommended for beginning readers. The National Reading Panel's research from 2000 found that reading fluency is essential for comprehension.

Understanding what you read is the fourth essential step for novice readers. Reading with comprehension necessitates processing and making sense of what is read. Strategies for prediction, questioning, summarizing, and making connections should be taught to beginning readers. Using comprehension strategies dramatically enhances children's reading comprehension, according to research by the National Reading Panel in 2000.

In conclusion, the development of phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, and comprehension are all necessary for successful reading. To read fluently and understand what they read, novice readers must first master phonemic awareness and phonics. Evidence shows that following these procedures can help beginning readers make substantial progress. New readers can start their path to reading proficiency by adhering to these guidelines.

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