

Top ten tips to help your child progress

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Research shows that practising English at home with parents can boost a child's confidence and motivation. This leads to greater success in class and better test results.

Try these ten tips to help your child progress.

All of the tips below can be followed in either English or your native language.

1) Help your child to have fun with English

Learning English is fun. Try not to push your child too hard and let him / her play games in English and do fun activities. The more your child enjoys learning English the harder they will work at it, guaranteeing better results.

2) Encourage your child to play computer games

Encourage your child to play the interactive vocabulary and grammar games on the MultiROM. These reinforce what your child is learning in lessons and provide a fun way to practise grammar, vocabulary and phonics.

3) Use the Internet

Help your child to access interactive websites on the Internet. There are lots of free websites especially for young learners which will help your child to revise the language they have studied in class, play language games and research interesting topics. A good example is <http://www.britishcouncil.org/kids.htm>

4) Create a positive learning environment

Work with your child to create a quiet working environment with good natural light, no interruptions, and all of the materials they need, e.g. pens, paper, puzzles.

5) Teach your child how to be organized

Talk to your child about the importance of being organized and establishing a routine. This will help them to succeed both in the classroom and the wider world.

6) Help your child to be prepared

Encourage your child to begin their homework or test preparation as early as possible. This way, they won't become stressed or anxious, and will get better results.

7) Help your child with homework / revision

Set aside a regular time for homework or revision. During this time, try to be available in case your child needs help, but avoid giving direct answers. Instead, ask questions which help your child to work through the problem in smaller, more manageable stages.

8) Read with your child

Read to your child every day and encourage him / her to read to you too. Whilst reading, ask questions about the story, e.g. "Why did Cinderella have to leave the ball?" Reading to your child increases their interest in English and improves their vocabulary.

9) Ask your child questions about their day

Ask your child questions about what he / she has seen, listened to and touched during the day. Talking about their day will encourage and motivate your child to do well in class.

10) Get involved with the school

A strong home / school connection enables you to support your child and to discuss any concerns with the teacher. The Evaluation sheets in the Testing and Evaluation Book, and Progress Certificates with 'I can' statements in the Photocopy Masters Book (levels 5-6) will help you to keep track of your child's progress.



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