

Independent Reading Strategies

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When I get stuck on a word in a book.

There are lots of things to do.

I can do them all, please, by myself;

I don't need help from you.

I can look at the picture to get a hint,

Or think what the story's about.

I can "get my mouth ready" to say the first letter,

A kind of "sounding out."

I can chop the word into smaller parts,

Like *on* and *ing* and *ly*,

Or find smaller words in compound words

Like *raincoat* and *bumblebee*.

I can think of a word that makes sense in that place,

Guess or say "blank" and read on:

"Does it make sense?"

"Can we say it that way?"

"Does it *look* right to me?"

Chances are the right word will pop up like the sun

In my *own* mind, can't you see?

If I've thought of and tried most of these things

And I *still* do not know what to do,

Then I may turn around and ask

For some help to get me through.