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# Pre-Reading Skills Checklist

Is your child ready to learn how to read? Ask yourself the questions below to find out if he or she has the 5 pre-reading skills kids need *before* beginning reading instruction.

## Motivation to Read:

- Does your child show an interest in books and reading?
- Does your child ask you to read aloud?
- Does your child pretend to read?

## Language Skills:

- Can your child answer simple questions about a story?
- Can your child retell a story in their words?
- Can your child describe elements in a story such as the characters and setting?

## Concepts of Print:

- Does your child hold a book correctly?
- Does your child turn pages in the right direction?
- Does your child read from left to right and top to bottom?
- Does your child understand that words represent a spoken word and convey a message?

## Letter Knowledge:

- Can your child name all of the letters of the alphabet?
- Does your child recognize lowercase and capital letters?
- Can your child name each letter's sound?

## Phonological Awareness:

- Can your child rhyme?
- Can your child count the syllables in a word?
- Can your child blend sounds together?
- Can your child segment or break words down into individual sounds?
- Can your child substitute one letter sound for another one to make a new word?

If your child needs help with these skills, find activities and resources at <https://abcsofliteracy.com/category/reading-readiness-skills/>