

Echo Reading

What is "Echo Reading" and why is it important?

With the strategy, "Echo Reading" (Heckelman, 1969), you help your child become a fluent reader by supporting him as he reads a passage. Assisting your child while reading allows him to read a variety of text without frustration. The more widely and frequently your child reads, the more he can practice his decoding skills and learn to recognize words instantly.

How can I use "Echo Reading" with my child?

Select a passage that is not too difficult for your child. Read a section of the text and have your child read the same portion of text just after you, thereby creating an echo effect. Continue this procedure for several sections of text. Use the strategy often as a way to increase the variety of text your child reads.