

Sometimes, when my child is reading, he gets annoyed if I tell him a word he doesn't know. Why?



For a beginning reader, figuring out unknown words can often be an enjoyable challenge, like solving a puzzle. If you tell the word too quickly, you may take away the fun. Therefore, if your child is working on figuring out a word, allow him at least 5 or 10 seconds to figure it out (or more if he doesn't seem frustrated). Be encouraging about his attempt even if the attempt is unsuccessful.

For example, you might say, "That is a puzzling word, but I like the way you tried to figure it out."