

Independent Reading — Phonetic Readers

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

The child reads simple phonetic readers or sentence strips independently, practicing decoding skills with minimal adult support. This builds reading stamina and confidence.

What You Need:

- 3-4 phonetic readers (Bob Books, Progressive Phonics, or similar)
- Reading log notebook
- Pencil

Steps:

1. Provide 3-4 phonetic readers (small booklets with CVC words and simple sentences).
2. 'These little books are for YOU to read. I'll be here if you need help.'
3. Child reads the first book aloud. Help only when asked or when the child is truly stuck.
4. After each book: 'Tell me what happened in that story.'
5. If the child struggles, go back to word cards to rebuild confidence before trying the book again.
6. Extension: child reads a book to a sibling, parent, or stuffed animal.
7. Record in a reading log: title, date, and a smiley face for completed books.

Work Space:

