

## HOW-TO

# 8 STEPS TO LITERACY COACHING AT HOME

Yes, you *can* coach your child's literacy learning at home!

- 1 SAY THE GOAL.** Make sure your child understands the goal. Discuss what is already known about the topic or task.
- 2 SHOW AND TELL.** Show your child what is to be done and explain how to do it, if needed.
- 3 DO IT TOGETHER.** Try it out together or take turns doing it, if needed.
- 4 HAVE YOUR CHILD DO IT ALONE.** Watch and listen as your child tries it alone.
- 5 GIVE FEEDBACK.** Encourage, ask questions, and correct mistakes. Be specific, descriptive, and timely when giving feedback.
- 6 REVISIT TROUBLE SPOTS.** Have your child try again until mostly understood or successful.
- 7 REVIEW THE GOAL.** What did your child learn? Did it match the goal? Repeat the goal again if needed.
- 8 PRACTICE LATER.** Revisit a trouble spot to see if your child remembers correctly. Check for understanding by asking a question or using another example.



**TIP: It may be helpful to split up a difficult task or one with a lot of information up and do it in parts to make it more manageable.**

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