

**What to do when a child ‘gets stuck’**

**Prompts**

* *If your child is not attempting a word or makes an error a short prompt or question might help rather than telling them the word. Don’t let them struggle on though and if this doesn’t work tell them the word and try again next time.*
* What could you try?
* What would make sense?
* Do you know a word like that?
* What do you think it could be?
* Do you know a word that starts with those letters?
* What do you know that might help?
* Read it all and come back to it.
* Use the punctuation to help you.
* Get your mouth ready for the first sound.
* You could also try…
* Read it with your finger.
* Point to each word as you read it.
* Were there enough words?
* Try that again and think about what would make sense.
* Would \_\_\_\_\_ make sense?
* You said \_\_\_\_\_ but look at \_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Specific Praise**

* *Praise that is specific is best*

So try…

* I like the way you…
* Well done, you went back and made it sound right.
* Great. You looked at the first letter
* That reading sounded very smooth
* I like the way you checked…
* You really thought about what made sense.