



01. DISCUSS CURRENT EVENTS AND MEDIA

- Encourage regular conversations about news articles, podcasts, or documentaries.
- Ask open-ended questions like, “What do you think about that?” or “Do you agree with their point of view?”



02. CREATE A READING-RICH ENVIRONMENT

- Make sure books, magazines, graphic novels, and audiobooks are easily accessible.
- Let teens choose what they read—even if it’s unconventional (e.g., manga, biographies, or fanfiction).
- Model reading by occasionally sharing what you're reading and why you enjoy it.

03. SUPPORT WRITING FOR REAL PURPOSES

- Encourage writing that feels relevant: college applications, emails, resumes, journaling, or creative writing.
- Offer to proofread or talk through ideas, but don’t correct everything—be a sounding board more than an editor.

04.

CONNECT LITERACY TO INTERSETS

- Create cards for family and friends
- Involve your child in making lists for errands and other tasks
- Encourage your child to write stories - try Story Dice for inspiration
- Play with letter and word magnets to make words and sentences