

## If You See It, Read It

As you go through your day together, assign your child real-world reading tasks. Below are a few ideas, but the possibilities for finding and using everyday reading materials for practice are practically endless.

- What is right in front of your child's nose most mornings? A cereal box. What are the ingredients?
   How many ounces are in a serving? Ask your child to read and find out. Read directions to fill out the mail-in forms for any free prizes offered.
- What is black and white and "read" all over? A
  newspaper! Give your child real purposes for reading
  the newspaper, such as checking the weather
  forecast, getting game results in the sports section,
  finding a fun local event to go to this weekend, doing
  the crossword, reading the comic strips, etc.
- Does he or she want to see a movie? Have your child do an online search for local theater listings and show times.
- Big ball game this weekend? Have your child download a free weather app and check the forecast.

- What's on television tonight? Turn on the closedcaption option that displays the written script for the show you are watching.
- What's good to eat at your local drive-thru? Give your child a budget, read the menu and order the "best deal."
- Want to order a pizza? It's only a phone call away. Ask
  your child to read through coupons to find a good deal.
- Have your child write an email to a friend or relative.
- Time for dinner? Have your child read the recipe aloud as you follow the directions.
- Play a fun board game or complete a construction project as a family that requires your child follow the sequential directions.
- Running errands around town? Read the **road signs.**
- Sitting in the waiting room until your name is called for an appointment? Pick up a magazine.



