

## Tips for Improving Reading



1. **READ!** Like shooting hoops or beating “Super Mario” the best way to get better at reading is to do a lot of it. You don’t have to read big novels, however. Read the newspaper and discuss it with your family, read magazines about topics you enjoy, or read short stories or technical articles about things you are interested in.
  
2. **Increase your word power**
  - a. Use the context of a sentence or surrounding sentences to understand the meaning of an unfamiliar word.
  - b. Become more familiar with suffixes and prefixes
  - c. Make inferences... use the information given to draw a more complete picture.
  
3. **Look for graphs, charts, pictures or illustrations** which give more information or make the information more clear.
  
4. **Determine the authors purpose.** What does the author want the reader to get from the reading?
  
5. **Summarize paragraphs and passages.** Practice summarizing until you can explain the main idea in no more than 10 words.