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Sincerely,

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## Reading Strategies



### Chunky Monkey Chunk the Word!

Look for a "chunk" that you know  
(-and, -art, -old, -ing)

Look for a word part (be-, -er)



### Eagle Eye Look at the Pictures!

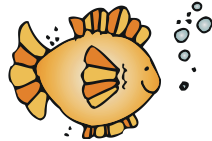
Look at the pictures for clues to help  
figure out the word.



### Stretchy Snake "S-t-r-e-t-c-h" it Out!

Stretch the word out slowly.

Put the sounds together to figure out  
the word!



### Lips the Fish Get Your Lips Ready!

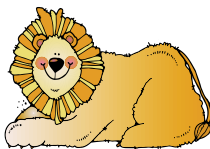
Say the first few sounds of the word  
out loud. Read to the end of the  
sentence and say the sounds again!



### Skippy Frog

### Skip It, Skip It!

Skip the word. Read to the end  
of the sentence.



### Tryin' Lion Try it Again!

Try to read the sentence again.  
Try a word that makes sense.



### Helpful Kangaroo Ask for Help!

After you have tried  
all of the other strategies, ask for help.



### Flippy Dolphin Flip the Vowel Sound

If you tried the short vowel sound, try it  
with the long vowel sound.

Which one makes sense?

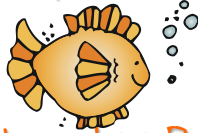
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