



TEST  
LITERACY  
STRATEGIES  
FOR  
PARENTS



HELPING YOUR CHILD  
TO DO WELL  
AT SCHOOL.



## ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO:

1. Go to school everyday.
2. Have breakfast every day.
3. Get lots of sleep each night.
4. Ask their teachers for help if they don't understand their school work.
5. Always have a go at their school work, even if they're not sure about what they are supposed to do.
6. Work hard and do their best all the time.
7. Tell you about what they learn at school.
8. Read lots of books and listen to stories.



## THINGS YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT DOING TESTS

1. Read questions carefully, and re-read to get a better understanding of the question.
2. It is okay to ask for help.
3. Do easy questions first, and then have a go at the harder ones.
4. Try to write an answer to every question, even if they are not sure about the answer.
5. Check their answers before handing their test paper to the teacher.
6. Know how to do different types of questions (e.g., fill in the blanks, true or false).
7. Know how to work on their own, without talking to other children about the test.
8. Sit quietly until the teacher says they can leave the room.
9. Complete the test in the set time.



## OTHER THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP YOUR CHILD



1. Find out more about what will happen in the test by asking your child's teachers.
2. Read information about the test that the school sends home.
3. Talk with your child about the test and what they need to do.
4. Do some old tests with your child for practice.
5. Encourage your child to always have a go at school work.



## THINGS WORTH KNOWING ABOUT NAPLAN TESTS

1. **NAPLAN** stands for **National Assessment Program: Literacy and Numeracy**.
2. NAPLAN tests are given each year to students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 to show how well they are doing in school in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and in numeracy.
3. Your children are being tested to help find out how children across Australia are going at school.
4. The school will tell you when NAPLAN testing is happening.
5. NAPLAN is just one of the ways teachers find out about how well students are going at school.
6. NAPLAN also helps teachers by identifying the areas of learning that the teachers need to work on with each student.
7. Your child's school will send you information about NAPLAN, and once the NAPLAN tests are marked, you will receive information about how well your child did on the tests.





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