



## CHAPTER 9

# What to do When Your Child Doesn't Want to Read

Remember, there are many things a child can read besides a chapter book.



## Provide a variety of reading materials:

- comics and joke books
- instruction manuals
- menus and recipes
- song lyrics
- brochures, flyers
- signs
- cereal boxes
- emails, web pages, blogs
- letters
- magazines

## Spend more time reading to your reluctant reader.

- Read with passion and enthusiasm.
- Replace a character's name with your child's name.

## Get caught reading.

- Be a role model. Sit down to read your own book.
- Talk to your child about what you are reading and why you are reading it.

## Use humour.

- Reluctant readers often respond well to humour at their level.

## Introduce series books.

- They often have predictable stories and characters which builds confidence in reluctant readers.

## Visit the library.

## Order your child a magazine subscription about a topic of interest.

- A magazine becomes a personal invitation to read when your child's name is on the mailing label.

## Encourage family/friends to give their favourite books as gifts.