



# Literacy Ideas

1. Utilize online tests to test each new student with regard to reading comprehension when they first enter the classroom. Record their reading level.
  - a. Here is a simple one: <https://a2ehomeschooling.com/all-time-favorites/reading-level-assessment/>
  - b. To help them see their progress, have them retake the test when they are about to graduate the program. Be sure to use the same test you used when they entered the program. Remind them of the reading grade level they started out at when they entered the program.
2. Recruit volunteers as reading tutors
  - a. Recruit current students who have been in the program longer or graduates.
  - b. Recruit individuals from local churches.
3. Train tutors
  - a. Ensure the student can recognize the letters of the alphabet, both small and capital letters. If they can't, start there.
  - b. Have the tutor read with the student, pointing to each word as they read and ensure that the student is sure which word they are pointing at.
  - c. When the student is ready, have the student point to the word as they read and the tutor can ensure that they pronounce and understand each word.
  - d. Have the tutor question the student about comprehension for each paragraph they read. "What does that paragraph say or mean?"
4. Have the student keep a vocabulary journal.
  - a. Keep a few good dictionaries readily available for your students.
  - b. Have the student look up words they don't understand,
  - c. Then have them write the word and the meaning in that journal.
5. Provide the student with a copy of the NIRV (New International Readers Version) Bible. It is the lowest grade reading level Bible, written at about a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading level. Give them a copy with a nice cover not a kid's cover.
6. Do your homework and find out what is available in your town or county. Most have resources available. Visit [nationalliteracydirectory.org](http://nationalliteracydirectory.org) to see if there is a resource near you.
7. Check out these literacy apps
  - a. on google play store:
    - i. [Amrita Learning - Reading App](#)
    - ii. [AutoCognita](#)
  - b. On itunes app store
    - i. [Learning Upgrade](#)
8. Review [myTeenChallenge.com > resources > advanced studies for new Christians > special needs > low reading proficiency](http://myTeenChallenge.com/resources/advanced-studies-for-new-Christians/special-needs/low-reading-proficiency) for more resources and ideas.
9. Email us with suggestions for additional ideas.