EASY TIPS FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

PROBLEM SOLVING AT HOME

WORK ON A PUZZLE
If you have a puzzle, work on it with your children or encourage them to complete it. Try to make sure it is age appropriate—if it is too difficult, children can get frustrated and be discouraged from participating in such activities in the future. If you don’t have access to puzzles, you can check with a local school, library, or neighbor. You can also make puzzles by cutting or ripping pieces of cardboard and other common, easily-accessible materials.

PLAY GAMES
There are plenty of games like Tic-tac-toe, hangman, and others that require no more than a pen or pencil and something to write on. Games are not only fun, but they also help to entertain children and keep them out of trouble. Additionally, they help your children to be creative and think critically.

QUESTION DURING PLAY
Ask questions while your children play. For example:
- What do you think made the brick tower fall down?
- If we build it again, what can we change so that it won’t fall down next time?
- Is there a better way we can do it?
- Did that work? If not, let's try another solution.

QUESTION DURING STORIES
Ask questions to build comprehension. For example:
- Why do you think the bear did that?
- Do you think his friend will be happy? Why?
- What would you do if you were the bear?
- If the bear went through the mountains instead of the river, what do you think would have happened?

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