Stuck on a Word?

Here are some strategies to help the child:

1. Look at the pictures to get an idea of what is happening in the story.

2. Go back and read again.

3. Look at the word. Say the beginning sound and slide to the end.

4. Think about: Does it make sense?
   Does it look right?
   Does it sound right?

5. Look for little words inside big words.

6. Skip the hard word and read to the end of the sentence.

7. Ask for help. "Can you give me a hint?"
   "What is this word?"
The Three Ps

P A U S E  P R O M P T  P R A I S E

If the child makes a mistake or gets muddled up

P a u s e

Let the child try to solve the problem herself
Then you can

P r o m p t

By saying...

"Let's try that again."
"Does that make sense?"
"Get ready to say the word."
"Read on to the end of the sentence and think of a word that makes sense."

Tell the child the word if she doesn't get it after two tries.

A l w a y s

P r a i s e

the child for:

Reading well ☉ Substituting a word which makes sense ☉ Giving it a try
Trying hard to correct a mistake ☉ Reading a book by himself

Try phrases such as:

"I like the way you went back and fixed it up."
"That's good because... it made sense," or, "it looks like the word."
"How did you know that word was ___?"
"Great! You got it! Read it again."