



A quick and easy tip for pronouncing long words

Sometimes our children know what they want to say but just can't manage to say the word. This is especially evident with multi-syllabic words.

If you follow the following steps you could help your child say the word.

Imagine the difficult to say word is 'photosynthesis':

1. Before you start you'll need to break the word into syllables e.g. pho-to-syn-the-sis
2. Say the last syllable to your child and get them to repeat it e.g. You say 'sis' They say 'sis'
3. Say the penultimate syllable and the last syllable and then get your child to repeat it e.g. You say 'the-sis' They say 'the-sis'
4. ...and continue the pattern, adding another syllable one at a time

You say 'syn-the-sis' They say 'syn-the-sis'

You say 'to-syn-the-sis' They say 'to-syn-the-sis'

You say 'pho-to-syn-the-sis' They say 'pho-to-syn-the-sis'

Good luck!

Regards

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