

Sometimes my child seems to have trouble reading a whole sentence without going back and re-reading parts of it. Is this a problem?

Question 11 from *Helping Your Child Become a Reader*
(Scanlon, Anderson, Barnes, Morse, & Yurkewecz-Stellato, 2024¹)

Typically, children go back and start over in a sentence because they are having some difficulty with understanding the sentence and/or with identifying the words in the sentence. Going back and starting over is a very good strategy for dealing with such difficulty and should be encouraged. For example, you might say: “I see you trying to figure out that word. Going back to the beginning of the sentence and starting again can help. Nice thinking!”

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¹ The complete 23 question booklet can be accessed at: eltep.org/isa-parent-booklet
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