

What should I do when my children will not complete their homework?

Tell your children when it is time to complete their homework. This time should be part of a regular schedule, so your children become used to completing their homework at the same time every day.

Review assignments with your children to make sure they understand what needs to be completed. Provide incentives by telling your children “When you finish your homework, you can watch TV or play a game.”

Reduce any distractions such as the TV, radio, and electronic games in order to let your children concentrate. Allow your children to have a quiet and well lit place to complete their homework. Help your children to complete their homework by being available if they have questions.

Be positive and discuss the importance of school and homework. Help your children study for tests and quizzes. Let your children work together on homework and invite a classmate over who has the same assignments. This will make homework time more enjoyable and will promote working together.

Check your children’s work when they are finished so that you can be sure that they have completed everything. Allow your children to do something they enjoy after completing their homework.

Talk to the teacher about school activities and homework. Make sure you know what will be expected of your children, so you can help them be successful in school. Discuss any subjects that are difficult for your children, so that the teacher can help them more in those subjects.