

Reading with your child



Sit close together

You could encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages too.



Take a look at the pictures

You don't just have to read the words. Maybe there's something funny in the pictures, or perhaps your child enjoys guessing what will happen next.



If you can, turn off the TV, phone & computer

It's easier for both of you to enjoy the story without other distractions.



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Ask questions and talk about the book:

- What do you see on this page?
- How do think the characters feel?
- What do you think is going to happen next?
- Who is your favourite character? Why?

Link the story to your child's own experiences. Can they remember when they did something similar?

Ideas adapted from BookTrust:
www.booktrust.org.uk

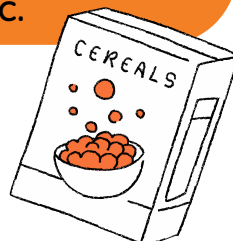
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Ten minutes a day reading with your child can make a huge difference.

Have fun!
There is no right or wrong way to share a story!

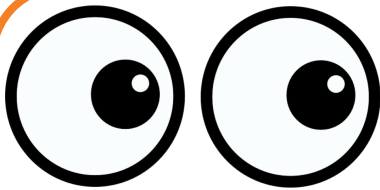
It all counts: comics, cereal packets, joke books, Top Trump cards etc.



Help with phonics

Phoneme	The smallest single identifiable sound e.g. the letters 'sh' represent one sound, but 'sp' represents two /s/ and /p/
Grapheme	A way of writing down a phoneme. It can be made up of one, two, three or four letters, e.g. a, sh, igh, ough
Digraph	A grapheme containing two letters that make one sound (phoneme) e.g. sh, ch, th, ph
Trigraph	A grapheme containing three letters that make one sound (phoneme) e.g. air, igh, ear
Split Digraph	Two letters split to make one sound e.g. a-e in <u>ma</u> ke or i-e in <u>si</u> te

Activities and games



Play 'I Spy'

'I Spy' is an easy game to play and can be done anywhere. It doesn't just have to be about the beginning sound but could be:

'Can you find a picture of...?' or 'How many... can you see?'



Paper chains

- Choose a phoneme, then write down words containing that sound on strips of paper.
- Make a chain by sticking the strips together (words facing outwards).
- Go on a sound hunt to find words to add to the chain.

Story bags



- Collect some objects, either on a theme or at random, and put them in a bag or pillowcase.
- Close your eyes and pick 3 or 4 objects out of the bag.
- Make up a story from your items - you could then create a book.



Make your own book

- Fold and stick some pages of plain paper together & write your story.
- Add pictures (either draw your own or cut and stick from a magazine).
- Talk about the characters and the story together.