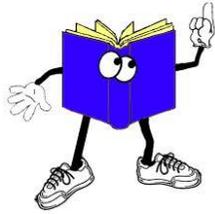


8-11 years old

Encourage independent reading, but remember, children will still love a bedtime story.



Help your child to read aloud with expression so the story comes to life. This will help them read more fluently.

Encourage your child to read newspapers, magazines, comics and the internet as well as books.

5-8 years old

Encourage your child to read to you. Follow the words with your finger and sound out the words (c-a-t).

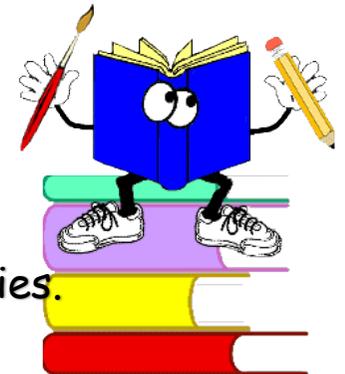


Be positive. Praise your child for trying hard at their reading. It's alright to make mistakes.

It's not just books. Point out all the words around you: labels on food, street signs etc.

Why reading and sharing stories matter

- **It is the most important thing you can do to help your child succeed!**
- Books contain new words that will help build your child's language and understanding.
- Reading together is fun and helps build relationships.
- The impact lasts a lifetime. Readers are more confident and have greater opportunities.



Libraries are a great place for family reading

Visit your local library - it's got great books to borrow for free, plus advice, internet access and story time and holiday time activities.



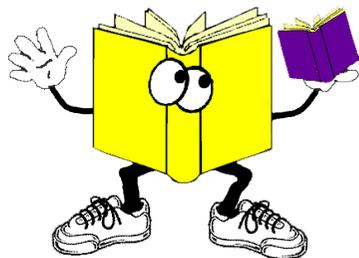
Help your child find five books you can share together.

Get your child to find the books of their favourite film.

Read when you are out and about

Play the A-Z of travel - on long journeys, children can go through the alphabet seeing if they can spot a road or shop sign, finding each letter in turn.

Give your child a mini shopping list and help them find the items.



Top tips to make your home a reading home

Read yourself, if you want your children to be readers. Children copy what adults do.

Make time to read - read a bedtime story every night!

Read in any language you speak at home. The important thing is your child reads.



Share stories

In the bedroom

- Create a special area for books.
- Read a bedtime story with your child every night.

REMEMBER A GOOD 10 MINUTES IS BETTER THAN A DIFFICULT HALF HOUR!