



Before Reading



Look at the cover of the book. Discuss with your child the:

- Title
- Author
- Illustrator
- Front Cover
- Blurb (on back cover)

Discuss any prior knowledge about the book –

- What do you know about this topic?
- What do you already know about the type of text?
- Have you read other books in the series?
- Do you know any of the characters already?

Make predictions

- What do you think is going to happen in the text (story)?
- What do you think will be inside the book? (non-fiction)

Ask questions

- Do you have any questions you would like the text to answer?



During Reading



Highlight or underline key words or ideas.

- By following the text with your finger as you read, you are demonstrating the skill of reading from left to right and you allow your child to follow the story.
- This also allows for them to join in with any words they know and identify how punctuation marks are used as they listen to you read (i.e. changing your voice when speech marks show that someone is speaking or taking a breath at a full stop or comma)

Make connections with what they know

- Children can make connections with their own experiences in the world or with previous texts they have read.

Reviewing your prediction

- Stop and discuss the predictions you made prior to reading the story to see if you were correct.
- You can also make more predictions or change your mind.

Questioning

- Try to answer any questions you asked beforehand and ask more.



After Reading



Summarise

- You can summarise the text verbally with your child or draw pictures using key events.

Prediction

- Discuss if your predictions before and during the text were correct. Did the story meet your expectations?

Review

- You can discuss if you would recommend the text to someone else i.e. friend or sibling.

Questioning

When you have finished, talk about how your child feels about the book:

- What did they like?
- What didn't they like?
- What can they remember about what happened?
- Who was their favourite character? Why?

Retell

- You can retell the story by creating your own version of the text i.e. a comic strip.

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A Parent Guide to Reading with Your Child at Home for Enjoyment.

Primary 1 – 3



Happy Together, Learning Together, Achieving Together



Tips for reading with children of any age



Set aside some time

- Find somewhere quiet without any distractions - turn off the TV/radio/computer.

Ask your child to choose a book

- Sharing books they have chosen shows you care what they think and that their opinion matters. This means they are more likely to engage with the book.

Sit close together

- Encourage your child to hold the book themselves and/or turn the pages.

Point to the pictures

- If there are illustrations, relate them to something your child knows. Ask them to describe the characters or situation or what will happen next. Encourage them to tell you the story by looking at the pictures.

Encourage your child to talk about the book

- Talking about the characters and their dilemmas helps children understand relationships and is an excellent way for you to get to know each other or discuss difficult issues. Give your child plenty of time to respond. Ask them what will happen next, how a character might be feeling or how the book makes them feel.



And lastly, above all - make it fun!

- It doesn't matter how you read with a child, as long as you both enjoy the time together. Don't be afraid to use funny voices - children love this!



Why read?



Sharing books and stories with your child is fun! It is a great way to build special memories and moments with your child, and can easily become a favourite part of the day.

It also helps children:

- Understand the world around them.
- Develop social and emotional skills.
- To support them with Literacy, Science, Maths and other subjects.
- Build confidence with communication.
- Further strengthens their bond with you and other family members.

You can read a variety of texts with your child including:

- Fiction
- Non-Fiction
- Poetry
- Comics
- Rhymes
- Audio texts
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You can read the book to your child and they can read it to you. Reading the same book over and over can be comforting and help build your child's confidence. Equally, reading a new book can be exciting.

Join and visit your local library to borrow new books or ones you enjoy reading over and over!



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