



Top tips for helping your child to enjoy reading



1. Make books part of your family life

Always have books around so you and your child are ready to read whenever there's a chance.

- Get caught reading yourself-show that reading for pleasure is not just for children.
- Have a family vote for the bedtime story each night

2. Join your local library

- Sign your child up to join your local library.
- You'll get access to free books as well as access to a wide variety of books
- Allow them to pick up their own books, encouraging their own interests

3. Set a challenge

- Can they read 10 books before they're 10? Can they read a book from 6 different genres?
- Get the whole family involved in reading challenges!

4. Value the books they choose to read

- Don't discount any book your child chooses to read. Non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines and leaflets are all reading.
- Help them find their interests.
- Reading is reading and it's all valuable for a child's development.

5. Ask questions

- Keep your child interested in the story and ignite their curiosity by asking questions about the story as you read.

6. Read during the wait time

- Bring along a book for any time your child has to wait, such as at a doctor's surgery.

7. Read again and again

- Encourage your child to re-read favourite books and poems. Re-reading helps to build up fluency and confidence.

8. Bedtime stories

- Regularly read with your child or children at bedtime. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with your child.

9. Get comfortable

- Snuggle up somewhere warm and cosy with your child when reading.
- Make sure they have somewhere comfy when reading alone.
- Set aside a special time-just a few minutes a day is enough to create a reading habit.

