

Top tips for reading at home



Read to your child.
Share a bedtime story each night, so that you can model expression and fluency to your child.

Question your child about the book they are reading. (Refer to the VIPERS resources)

Find the best time for your child to read. Some prefer the mornings; some children are better readers at bedtime.

Encourage your child to read words when out and about. Read labels in supermarkets, road signs, menus, instructions etc.

When your child is a fluent reader, get them to read a page in their head and then tell you what they have read.

Choose some books to read together.

Time your child. How many words can they read in 1 minute? Can they improve their score?

When stuck on a word, ask your child to 'sound it out' using their phonics. If they are still stuck, help them to sound it out. Break longer words into parts e.g. digger = 'dig' and 'ger.'

Encourage your child to follow the words with their 'magic pointy finger.'

Hear your child read every day for around 10 minutes. Record any reading in your child's diary.