



Reading at home

Here are tips to help you enjoy reading together:

- If you can, turn off the TV, radio and computer so that you can enjoy the book without distractions.
- Encourage your child to use their phonic knowledge to sound out and blend any unfamiliar words – if they are stuck on a word then tell them it to avoid frustration.
- 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 on the page. Maybe there's something funny in the pictures that you can laugh at together, or perhaps your child enjoys predicting what will happen next.
- Ask questions and talk about the book. Give them space to talk and ask how they feel about the situations in the story.
- Have fun! There's no right or wrong way to share a story – as long as you and your child are having fun.

