



How to Read with Your Child at Home

1. Create a calm space

Sit together, side by side. Make it relaxed and enjoyable.

2. Look at the book first

- Read the title together.
- Point out any repeated words or interesting pictures.
- Keep this quick (just a minute or two).

3. Let your child take the lead

Encourage them to turn the pages and point to the words if it helps.

4. Support difficult words

- Give them time to sound it out.
- If it's too hard, help by breaking it into smaller parts (chunks).
- Don't ask them to guess from the pictures.

5. Encourage rereading

If they sound out a word, ask them to go back and reread the whole sentence so it makes sense.

6. Model good reading

If your child is finding a sentence is hard, read it aloud once to show how it should sound.

7. Check understanding

- After a page, quickly explain any words they don't know or understand.
- At the end, ask a few simple questions (e.g., "What was your favourite part?").

8. Celebrate success

Praise effort, not just accuracy. Point out something they did well ("I liked how you sounded that word out" or "You read that sentence fluently").

9. Keep it short and positive

It's better to stop while your child is still enjoying it than push on until they're tired or frustrated.