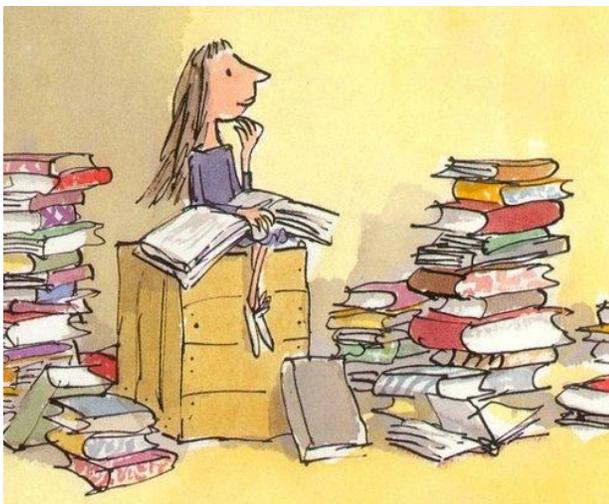


HEARING YOUR CHILD READ

The **MORE** that you
READ, the more things
you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you
Learn, the more places
you'll **GO**.

Dr. Seuss

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Reading is such an essential and important skill - every little helps!

- Inside this booklet you will find some ideas to help you listen to your children read.
- Ideally, spending some time **every day** would really help with fluency but we know that this is not always possible. We would love it if you could listen to your child **at least three times a week**.

Can you guess the book or the author?

How to help

Try to make your child feel good about the situation - give them lots of praise and encouragement.

The reading experience should be seen to be enjoyable for both of you so try not to rush. Also always try to be patient even if your child makes the same errors over and over again.

Try not to let your child struggle with a word for more than 5 seconds. If he/she cannot read a word, encourage them to sound out the letters and blend them together. If they still cannot read the word, read it too them.

Encourage your child to look at the pictures for clues to words they are unsure of. You can also encourage your child to miss out an unknown word and read to the end of the sentence for clues as to what the word could be.

Always praise for self correction e.g. if a child is able to spot a mistake and correct it without help.

Encourage your child to 'read' the punctuation e.g. stop at the full stops and pause at commas.

Discuss the book together when you have read it and comment on the story, the characters and the parts you like best.



Shared Reading

Shared reading is when an adult or more able reader helps a child to enjoy a book that he/she would not be able to read independently. The main purpose is to make reading an enjoyable process whilst giving the child more practice than is possible in the normal classroom. There are usually 3 stages:

- You read the text first.
- You and your child read it together.
- When your child feels ready to read alone, they give a pre-arranged signal (like a tap on the table) and continues to read alone until meeting



