

# Reading to your Child

## Guidance on Read Write Inc. Reading to your child:

What can you do to help at home?

1. Read the same stories aloud again and again.
2. Read with enthusiasm – love each story.
3. Talk with your child as much as possible.

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### Ten top tips for reading stories to your child

- 1 Make reading to your child feel like a treat.  
Introduce each new book with excitement.
- 2 Make it a special quiet time and cuddle up so both of you can see the book.
- 3 Show curiosity in what you're going to read:  
*Oh no! I think Arthur is going to get even angrier now.*
- 4 Read the whole story the first time through without stopping too much. If you think your child might not understand something, model an explanation:  
*Oh I think what's happening here is that...*
- 5 Chat about the story:  
*I wonder why he did that?*  
*Oh no, I hope she's not going to...*  
*I wouldn't have done that, would you?*
- 6 Avoid asking questions to test what your child remembers.
- 7 Link stories to your own experiences (e.g. *This reminds me of...*)
- 8 Read favourite stories over and over again.  
Get your child to join in with the bits they know.
- 9 Read with enthusiasm. Don't be embarrassed to try out different voices. Your child will love it.
- 10 Read with enjoyment.  
If you're not enjoying it, your child won't.

