


The benefits of regular reading at home.



Did you know that...

Reading for just 10 minutes a day can improve your child's wellbeing and boost their literacy skills at the same time?

How can you encourage reading at home?

Create a Reading-Friendly Environment:

Set up a cozy reading corner in your home with comfortable seating, and a variety of age-appropriate books within easy reach or create a special time of the day for reading. Try and establish a daily reading routine, such as bedtime reading. Consistency helps build good reading habits.

Reward Progress:

Celebrate small milestones, like finishing a book or reading a chapter, with praise or a small reward.

Be a reading role model:

Show your love for reading by reading regularly yourself. Children are more likely to read if they see you enjoying it.



Make Reading Fun:

Choose books that match your child's interests and age level. Engage with the story by discussing it or acting out parts.

Visit the Library:

Take regular trips to the local library with your child. Let them choose their own books and explore different genres and topics. The librarians can help you to find books which match your child's skill level and interests.



Talk about books:

After reading, engage your child in discussions about the book. Ask questions about the characters, plot, and their favorite parts. This helps with comprehension and critical thinking.



Read aloud together:

Start reading aloud to your child from a young age. Even when they can read independently, continue this practice. It's a great way to bond and share stories.



Use technology:

Digital devices can be helpful for reading as can physical books. E-books and audiobooks are great options too and there are a number of websites where good quality stories can be found.



My child is a good reader. Can I still help?

YES! Although children will often want to read in their heads when they become fluent readers there are still many things that you can do.

Discuss with them what they have read. Talk about the character, about the plot, about the important parts of the story and about their feelings as they read the story.



What questions can I ask my child at home?

Finding information directly from a text:

What happened in the story?

Can you describe the problem in the story? How would you solve it?

Can you identify words that describe the setting or character?

What happened after....?

Describe what happened at/when. What do you think will happen next?

What does the word ... imply/make you think of?



Finding clues about a character, setting or event:

What do you think will happen because of?

Why do you think ... feels...?

If this was you, what would you do next?

How have the characters changed during the story?

Predict what you think is going to happen next explain why you think this?



Finding vocabulary:

Which words has the author used to make the writing sound more formal/informal?

What has the author used in the text to make the characters sound funny/sad/angry?

Think of another word you can use here. What different effect would your word have?

As a reader, how do you feel about this character? What makes you feel that way?

Find some adjectives that help you picture the scene/character in your head.



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Where can I find resources?

Websites to help the development of Reading at home and at School:

- Oxford Owl Press <http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk>
- Words for Life Wordsforlife.org.uk
- Booktrust www.booktrust.org.uk
- The Child Literacy Centre www.childliteracy.com
- Books for Topics <https://www.booksfortopics.com>
- First Choice Books www.firstchoicebooks.org.uk
- Reading Matters www.readingmatters.co.uk
- YAK books <https://yakbooks.com>



Read Read Read ...Anything and everything!

- Books your child likes.
- Books suggested by your child's teacher
- Books your child chooses from a library or bookshop that they want to read
- Never be afraid of re-reading books
- Comics or Magazines
- Instructions or recipes
- Information books
- Newspapers
- Poems
- Recorded stories