

Building a Reader at Home

Explore Books

Give your child an opportunity to explore books. Visiting a library or book shop gives your child the chance to find topics or books that inter-

Read, Read, Read!

Make time to read every day. Children can read independently, to an adult or share reading

Talk about the book

- Characters
- Events
- Main ideas
- Predictions
- Retell the story
 - Genre
 - Moral

Be an example

Let your child see you read—books, newspapers, recipe books, instructions

Make it fun!

Read and discuss books together. Research topics and do book activities together.

Match Books

Help your child choose books that are a good match. Ask yourself:

- Are they be interested?
- Can they understand what they are reading?
- Can they retell the story?
- Can they read most of the words?

For Beginning Readers

- Point out and read words in the world around you (street signs, labels etc).
- Help your child to memorise sight words
- Ask your child to picture the story in their head and retell the main events
- Use a range of strategies to work out unknown word – phonics to

For Advanced Readers

- Notice interesting, new vocabulary. Try to work out the meaning by reading the rest of the sentence.
- Read with expression—think of the audience.
- Explore non-fiction texts and their features (contents, glossary, diagrams etc.).
- Compare and contrast books.