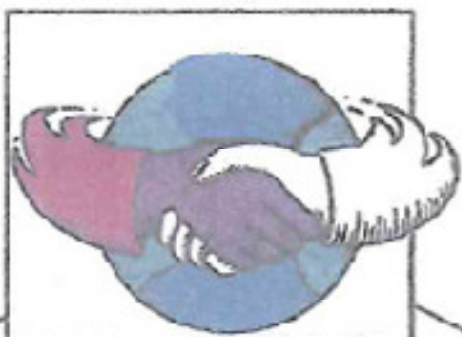


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HELPING  
AT HOME



*with* **READING**





## Reading at home guide

Reading is not just reading story books.

You can develop your children's reading ability by sharing reading opportunities such as:

- 📖 Nursery rhymes, jingles and songs
- 📖 News reports/comics/football or sporting results
- 📖 Any food packaging
- 📖 Labels / captions / street names
- 📖 Recipes
- 📖 Magazine articles
- 📖 Horoscopes
- 📖 DIY / craft activity instructions
- 📖 Letters / invitations / emails (including letters from school)
- 📖 Joining a library

It is really important that children are taught to respect their books





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To develop understanding of the text, here are some questions that you could use before and after hearing your child read:

### Fiction texts:

- 📖 What type of book is this? How do you know?
- 📖 Who is the author? Have you read anything else written by this author?
- 📖 What does the main character look like? Can you find words that describe him/her? Where does he / she live?
- 📖 What did the character mean when they said . . . . ?
- 📖 Why is the character surprised / scared / excited / angry?
- 📖 Why did the character do . . . . ?
- 📖 What advice would you give to the character?
- 📖 What do you think one character thinks of another character? How did the writer make you think this?
- 📖 Where does this story take place? What time of day do you think it is in this paragraph? How do you know? Can you find some words that describe the setting? Why do you think the author chose this setting?
- 📖 Is there anything in the text that tells you what season of the year it is?
- 📖 What do you think will happen next in the story? Why do you think that?
- 📖 Can you find a word that means . . . . . ?
- 📖 Who would you like to meet most in the story? Why?
- 📖 Can you think of another story that ends like this? Can you think of another story with a similar theme?
- 📖 What is it in the text that makes you think?





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## Non - Fiction texts:

- ☞ What type of book is this?
- ☞ How do you know?
- ☞ What sort of person would read this book?
- ☞ What does the expression "non-fiction" mean?
- ☞ How should you read this book?
- ☞ What is the purpose of the pictures?
- ☞ Does the layout help the reader? How?
- ☞ Why are some of the words written in bold font?
- ☞ What is a "glossary" and what is its purpose?
- ☞ Tell me how you would use the index.
- ☞ Can you show me a labelled diagram?
- ☞ Can you show me a sub-heading?
- ☞ What is the purpose of a sub-heading?
- ☞ If you were the writer of the book, would you change anything?