

Reading tips for parents



Use books in a variety of situations and match them to what your child is doing. You could take a book about insects to read when you're at the park.

Make up voices for the different characters in a story.

Point to words and grammar as you read. By pointing out the speech marks, your child will understand why you use a different voice when they appear. Just don't do it all the time and spoil the flow of the story.

Read poetry and stories that rhyme and pause so your child can say the rhyming words.

Let your child listen to stories on CD. You can borrow audio books from your local library.

Visit your local library and help your child to find out information about something they're interested in such as animals. It's free and easy to join and children can have their own library card.

Point out words and phrases on shops and signs when you are out and about. Children can recognise familiar words really quickly.

Let your child see you reading.

