



WHY READ AT HOME EVERY NIGHT?

<i>James</i>	<i>Ella</i>	<i>Thomas</i>
20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
3600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year	180 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year	282,000 words per year	8000 words per year

Outcomes

<i>James</i>	<i>Ella</i>	<i>Thomas</i>
Scores in reading tasks are much improved, usually in the 90%+ range	Scores in reading task are average, usually in the 50%+ range	Scores on reading tasks are much lower, usually in the 30%+ range
20 minutes per day from YR-Y6 is the equivalent of 60 school days	5 minutes per day from YR-Y6 is the equivalent of 12 school days	1 minute per day from YR-Y6 is the equivalent of 3 school days

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ AS MUCH AS YOU CAN!

How to check for understanding

(Language Comprehension)

1. Before reading: start the book by making predictions. Use the front cover and pictures to ask questions – *what do you think the story is about? What kind of story do you think this is?*
2. During the read: ask questions and make key points – *where is the story happening? Who is the main character? Was that a good thing to happen? What might happen next? How do you think the character felt when...?*
3. After reading: ask your child to retell the main points in the story – the beginning, middle and end. Ask them to share their favourite part of the story and show their favourite page. Who was their favourite character and why?
4. For more advanced readers: talk about the choices of words: *why did the author choose to use the word 'terrified'? Which other word could he have used? What was the problem in the story? Was there anything you didn't understand?*

Make reading an enjoyable part of your family time

- Read bedtime stories every night
- Play board games
- Read a recipe book and cook together
- Visit the local library or bookshop
- Have a range of reading materials at home – magazines, fiction, non-fiction, joke books, cookbooks etc.
- Outside the house, look at and read signs, notices, labels – anything in the environment.

How to support your child with reading at home



Once you learn to read you will be forever free

-Frederick Douglass

Fluency

For your child to understand the story they must be able to read accurately, quickly and with expression. To help them to read smoothly you need to model each sentence and ask them to read it back to you. Don't be afraid to practice a sentence over and over until they can read it fluently.

How to read with a beginner reader

(Word recognition)

1. Encourage your child to point to every word using their finger or lolly pop stick to track the words.
2. Look at each word and encourage your child you identify each sound in the word (segmenting) and put them together to read the word (blending).
3. Reread the word and sentence together.
4. Read the book at least three times on different days to develop your child's phonics, understanding of the story and word recognition.
5. If the word is tricky or cannot be sounded out (red words), tell them the word. Keep going back to it to help them remember it.
6. Use character voices to show your child how to develop expression and interest in their reading.
7. Pause at punctuation to emphasise it and develop reading skills.
8. Go back and ask them to point to a key word (e.g. point to the word 'and').