

# Top tips to help if your child struggles with reading



If children are reluctant to read it may be because they are finding it hard work or they are not interested in the books available.

1 Find books to share that match your child's interests.

2 Look for books with characters that appeal (children often like to read about characters slightly older than themselves).

3 Be a role model: let your child see you reading.

4 Identify challenging vocabulary before your child reads, help them to understand these words in advance.

5 If your child wants to read a book that is too challenging for them don't discourage them. Why not read it together?

6 Take an active interest in the local library and visit together.

7 Explore author web-sites; these are often interactive and packed with activities!

8 Create your own book collection/library at home and remember second hand books are great too!

9 Encourage your child to re-read their favourite books. This improves fluency and builds their confidence.

10 Remember reading can be tiring, give your child regular breaks and allow them to read in short bursts.