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How Can I Help my Child with Reading?

Ways to Support your Child with Reading:

- **Listen** to your child **read aloud** at least twice a week (choose a quiet place).
- Give your child time to correct any mistakes he/she makes.
- Help your child to **sound out** unknown words.
- **Ask** your child **questions** about the story. For example: *Why do you think X did that? How must X be feeling and why? What do you think X will do...?*
- Encourage, encourage, encourage – tell your child what a brilliant reader he/she is!
- **Read to your child.** Use facial expressions and tone of voice to show them how much fun reading can be!
- Be a good role model (read books/magazines/newspapers). Perhaps you could try reading some teenage fiction yourself – it is more engaging for adults than you may think!
- Read signs together when out walking or driving.

“I love books.

I love that moment when you open one and sink into it, you can escape from the world, into a story that's way more interesting than yours will ever be.

Elizabet Scott

Some Ways to Read with your Child:

- Read the parts of different characters in a play script (this could easily be a whole family activity).
- Whilst reading a story, take it in turns to **be the characters/narrator** or read one paragraph each.
- Pick a story from a **newspaper/magazine** to read out loud to each other.
- Take it in turns to read an **information** text aloud. Examples of information texts: recipes, instruction manuals, and directions.
- Read a new poem a day—these can be short and a fun way to read a wide variety of authors.

**The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.**

— Dr. Seuss

Some Popular Reads:

- *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
- *Terror Kid* by Benjamin Zephaniah
- *The Mortal Instruments* by Cassandra Clare
- *Running on the Roof of the World* by Jess Butterworth
- *Uglies* by Scott Westerfield
- *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green
- *The Breadwinner* by Deborah Ennis
- *Noughts and Crosses* by Malorie Blackman
- *The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 3/4* by Sue Townsend
- *Northern Lights* by Philip Pullman
- *The Weight of Water* by Sarah Crossan



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