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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.

Elizabeth 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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