

# Supporting your child's reading: Reception



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Give children time to recognise and correct their own mistakes while they're reading - it is an important part of learning.

All children learn at different rates and in different ways, even in the same family. Avoid making comparisons between one child and another.

Young children learning to read need to read to adults as well as be read to as often as possible. Reading at home forms a crucial part of a child's learning experience and reinforces skills and knowledge associated with reading.

Reading at home should happen in a relaxed and cosy environment, without any pressure. The quality of the experience is just as important as the quality of the book read. Avoid forcing your child to read. If they are reluctant, try reading to them instead, encouraging them to join in if they want to.

We encourage you to read both classic and contemporary material to your child, as you yourselves, are excellent reading role models. Don't forget that children love listening to stories so even when they are fluent and confident readers it is still important for you to read to them as well.

Most children have favourite books they want to read again and again. It is important that parents let the child choose what they want to read. Reading books they know and love will help them learn to read fluently, and this is an important skill for tackling harder texts later on.

It is important for your child to handle books themselves and to be introduced to 'book words' such as cover, title, page etc.

**Most importantly, always praise and encourage your child when he/she is reading with you.**



The following websites might be useful:

[www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/games/alphablocks-games](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/games/alphablocks-games)

A great game to support early sound knowledge

[www.familylearning.org.uk](http://www.familylearning.org.uk)

Click on sight words for links to brilliant sight word games online.

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

The Oxford Owl website supports parents by providing tips, phonics support, free eBooks, and the latest reading news.

<http://www.primarygames.com/langarts/sightwords/>

A great website to help practise sight word recognition

[www.barnesandnoble.com/u/online-storytime-books-toys/379003588/](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/u/online-storytime-books-toys/379003588/)

A lovely website used a lot at school to hear stories being read by famous people.

[www.ngexplorer.cengage.com/ngyoungexplorer/index.html](http://www.ngexplorer.cengage.com/ngyoungexplorer/index.html)

A lovely website where children can enjoy reading interesting facts on the National Geographic website.

