



Paired Reading



A simple way for parents to support their children with reading



Paired Reading aims to build confidence and not focus on mistakes



It is best to do about 10 minutes each day

There are two stages -

Stage 1 - Reading Together -

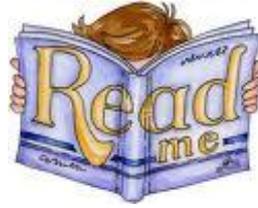


1. Allow your child to choose a book. Don't worry if it looks too difficult, they will soon get used to picking books that aren't too hard.

2. Read aloud together at your child's pace. Point to the words as you read them.

3. If your child makes a mistake, just say the correct word and move on.

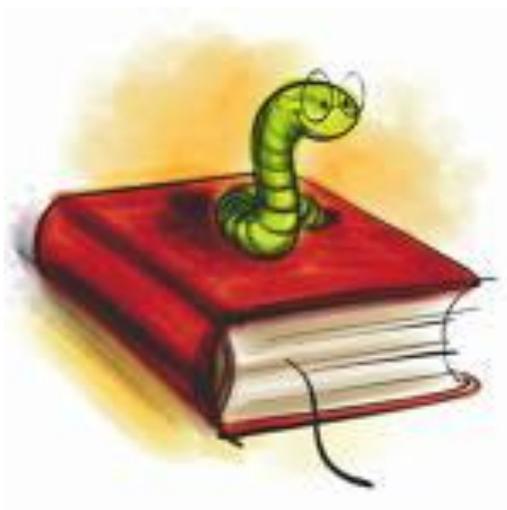
4. Repeat just this first stage for the first 4 or 5 days, for about ten minutes each time.



Stage 2 - Independent Reading -

After the first 4 or 5 days, when your child feels a bit more confident, they might want to read alone for some of the time.

1. Use the same book as before (or a new one for a more experienced reader)
2. Arrange a "special secret sign" (such as a tap on the table, or a squeeze on your arm) that your child can make when they want to read alone.
3. Begin by reading aloud together with your child.
4. When your child gives you the sign, stop reading straight away and allow them to read aloud on their own.
5. If your child makes a mistake, join in, giving the correct word, and continue reading together until your child gives you the secret sign again.



Useful Hints and Tips



- ✦ Children can't read when it's noisy, or when there's a lot going on, so find a quiet place, somewhere comfy.
- ✦ Regularly praise your child when they read correctly, but without interrupting their reading. This could involve nodding your head, or saying 'well done'.
- ✦ Make sure your child LOOKS at the words when reading. Pointing at the words while you both read them will help.
- ✦ Praise your child for giving you the "secret sign", in order to encourage them to read independently.
- ✦ Paired Reading can feel a little bit strange at first, but after a few days it will feel really natural. Your child will enjoy it and get a lot from it, so don't give up!!
- ✦ Last but not least - It's very important not to make a fuss about mistakes. Paired Reading is about building up your child's confidence and motivation to read!

