

Some things to think about:

Children need 1000 hours of lap time before they are ready to learn to read.

Children want to be like their adults; if you read, they will read .

“Reading helps me to write.”

“Reading makes me happy and nice.”

“Reading helps me learn.”

“Reading helps me go to sleep.”



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**Recommended Reading for
Nursery and Reception**



Top Tips for Reading With your Child

Set aside some time

Find somewhere quiet without any distractions - turn off the TV/radio/computer.

Ask your child to choose a book

Sharing books they have chosen shows you care what they think and that their opinion matters. This means they are more likely to engage with the book. It doesn't matter if you've read it together before.

Sit close together

Encourage your child to hold the book themselves and/or turn the pages.

Point to the pictures

If there are illustrations, relate them to something your child knows. Ask them to describe the characters or situation or what will happen next. Encourage them to tell you the story by looking at the pictures.

Encourage your child to talk about the book

Talking about the characters and their dilemmas helps children understand relationships and is an excellent way for you to get to know each other or discuss difficult issues. Give your child plenty of time to respond. Ask them what will happen next, how a character might be feeling, or how the book makes them feel.

Read yourself

Make sure your child sees you reading for pleasure regularly.

Don't forget to involve grandparents!

In fact, include all members of the family. Why not?

Join the library

Go regularly—it's free!

And lastly, above all - make it fun!

It doesn't matter how you read with a child, as long as you both enjoy the time together. Don't be afraid to use funny voices: children love it!



Some helpful websites:

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

<http://www.bookstart.org.uk/bookstart-bear-club/>

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/>

<http://www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk/>



Blake, Quentin
Bradman, Tony
Brown, Ruth
Browne, Eileen
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Bruce, Lisa
Burningham, John
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Butterworth, Nick
Campbell, Rod
Campbell, Rod
Campbell, Rod
Carle, Eric
Carle, Eric
Cooke, Trish
Cooper, Helen
Crebbin, June
Crebbin, June
Dale, Penny
Dale, Penny
Dodd, Emma
Dodd, Lynley

Donaldson, Julia
Donaldson, Julia
Donaldson, Julia
Fox, Mem

Simpkin
Through my window
A dark, dark tale
Handa's hen
Handa's surprise
Engines, engines
Mr Gumpy's motor car
Mr Gumpy's outing
Oil! Get off our train
Jasper's beanstalk
Dear zoo
It's mine
Oh dear!
The very busy spider
The very hungry caterpillar
So much
The bear under the stairs
Cows in the kitchen
The train ride
The boy on the bus
Ten in the bed
I don't want a posh dog
Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's
Dairy
Chocolate mousse for greedy goose
The Gruffalo
Room on the broom
Ten little fingers and ten little
toes

Gravett, Emily	Orange, pear, apple, bear	Murphy, Jill	Whatever next
Grindley, Sally	Knock, knock, who's there?	Pfister, Marcus	The rainbow fish
Hayes, Sarah	Nine ducks nine	Rosen, Michael	We're going on a bear hunt
Hayes, Sarah	This is the bear	Rowe, John	Can you spot the spotty dog?
Hill, Eric	Where's Spot?	Sendak, Maurice	Where the wild things are
Hutchins, Pat	Don't forget the bacon	Sharratt, Nick	Faster, Faster! Nice and slow!
Hutchins, Pat	Rosie's walk	Sharratt, Nick	The foggy, foggy forest
Hutchins, Pat	Titch	Sharratt, Nick	Ketchup on your cornflakes?
Hutchins, Pat	You'll soon grow into them, Titch	Stickland, Henrietta	Dinosaur roar
Inkpen, Mick	The blue balloon	Sutton, Eve	My cat likes to hide in boxes
Inkpen, Mick	Kipper	Swain, Gwenyth	Bedtime!
Inkpen, Mick	Kipper's toy box	Swain, Gwenyth	Carrying
Inkpen, Mick	Lullabyhullabaloo	Swain, Gwenyth	Celebrating
Lacome, Julie	Walking through the jungle	Swain, Gwenyth	Eating
Laird, Elizabeth	Beautiful bananas	Swain, Gwenyth	Smiling
Martin, Bill	Brown bear, brown bear, what do you see?	Swain, Gwenyth	Tidy up!
		Swain, Gwenyth	Washing!
Martin, Bill	Polar bear, polar bear, what do you hear?	Tafuri, Nancy	Five little chicks
		Umansky, Kaye	Pass the jam, Jim
Mayo, Margaret	Choo choo clickety-clack	Waddell, Martin	Farmer duck
Mayo, Margaret	Dig, dig, digging	Waddell, Martin	Owl babies
McKee, David	Elmer	Waddell, Martin	The pig in the pond
McKee, David	Not now, Bernard	Walsh, Melanie	My world, your world
Mills, David	Lima's red hot chilli	West, Colin	Have you seen the crocodile?
	(available in many languages)	West, Colin	Hello, great big bullfrog
Mills, David	Mei Ling's hiccups	West, Colin	"Not me," said the monkey
	(available in many languages)	West, Colin	"Pardon?" said the giraffe
Murphy, Jill	Five minutes peace	Wood, Jakki	Bumper to bumper
Murphy Jill	On the way home	Zephaniah, Benjamin	J is for Jamaica
Murphy, Jill	Peace at last		