



Handy hints for reading with your child

By The Thomas Coram SpLD Base

Time:

Read for 5 to 15 minutes each day.

Keep to a regular, suitable time.



Place:

Choose a special, quiet place, without distractions or interruptions.

Selection:

Give your child a chance to *choose* a book.

(Help out if necessary)

Allow your child to turn the pages

Golden Rules

Always try to:

- **Be positive**
- **Be patient**
- **Praise their efforts**
- **Relax**
- **Make it a pleasure**

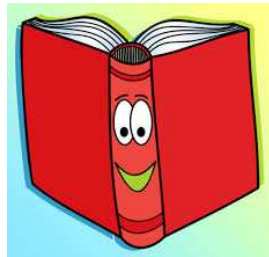


Try different approaches:

- Read *to* your child
- Read *with* your child
- Let your child read *alone*
- Let your child *join in* with rhymes, jingles, etc.
- Paired Reading
- Shared Reading
- Pause Prompt Praise

Talk about:

- The pictures
- The stories
- Ask questions
(including prediction and deductions)
- Talk about the part of the story you both enjoyed



What to do about mistakes

- *Ignore* minor mistakes
- *Help* when necessary
- *Don't* insist on your child sounding out words
- If you are worried about their lack of progress speak to their teacher.

Above all:

- Enjoy the experience
- Abandon the session if your child becomes upset or angry
- Nothing is worth damaging your relationship with your child
- Make it a pleasurable time for you both



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