



Paired Reading

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Paired reading is a stage between the child hearing a story and reading independently.

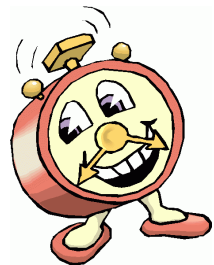
The Book: Let the child choose the book but make sure it is not too hard.



The Place: Somewhere quiet and comfortable where you will not be interrupted. Sit side by side so that you can both see the book.



The Time: You need to put aside a short time each day to suit yourself and your child. (About 10 minutes)



How to do it

1. Look through the book together, talk about the title and the pictures and ask your child what he/she thinks might happen.
2. You and your child both read the words out loud together. Try to match your speed with that of your child.
3. When your child wants to read a bit alone he/she will make a signal, e.g. a tap on the book or a gentle nudge.
4. Your child then reads on alone until he/she hesitates or makes a mistake. Wait for 5 seconds.
5. Give the correct word. After your child has repeated it start reading together again.
6. Only stop reading again when your child feels confident enough to give you the sign.
7. You can stop occasionally to talk about the story. When you have finished reading encourage your child to chat about what has happened and what might happen next.
8. Always end on a positive note, say how much you have enjoyed reading together so that your child will see it as a relaxed enjoyable activity.



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