



Shared Reading

By The Thomas Coram SpLD Base

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Shared reading is a stage between the child hearing a story and reading independently. It is particularly suitable for younger children.

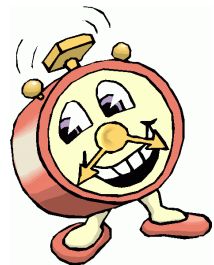
The Book: Help your child choose the book, it could be from the school, home or the library.



The Place: Sit down together in a quiet place where you will not be disturbed.



The Time: Choose any time that suits you both, bed time is often a good time.



How to do it

Look at the book together

Talk about the title, the cover and the pictures.

Encourage your child to look carefully and to tell you what might be happening and what might happen next.

Read the story to the child

Use as much expression as you can and sometimes run your finger under the line of print.

If your child recognises or remembers any words, encourage him/her to join in. Stop occasionally and chat about the story so far.

Read the story again if your child wants you to

This time they might want to join in more.

Encourage your child to tell the story to you in his/her own words and help if he/she gets stuck.



Don't forget
To make the sessions fun
To keep them short
To praise your child
Enjoy yourself



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