



HELPING MY CHILD TO READ

The most important thing about learning to read is **enjoying** books.

Encourage

You can encourage him/her to notice words and numbers, instead of teaching them to read. The key to reading successfully is based on **talking** and **developing** the child's **language** skills.

Discuss

Look at the pictures/ illustrations and **discuss** anything that attracts your child's attention. This will help them **understand** the story and to **guess** new words.

Enjoyment

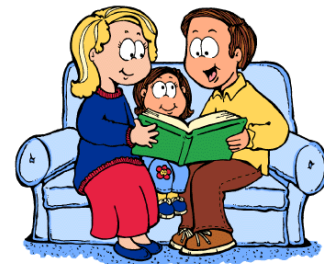
It is not important how many words your child knows! The **pleasure** of sharing books is more important!

Reading time

Read to your child as often as possible - **any time, any place, anywhere** - in bed, in the car, in the bath.

The alphabet

Encourage your child to recognise letters and their **sounds**. Children need to familiarise with letters and recognising their shape and talk about them by name.



Praise

Learn to accept your child's **effort** with praise. Focus on the things which are **right**, not on mistakes. Stop when they've had enough - it's not a **punishment**!

Fun

Playing **games** such as "I spy with my little eye" and "spot the word" on signs and labels - on the street, in shops and in your cupboards. Write notes and messages for your child - it's a great way to get them to **focus** on words.

