

Hints on Listening and Reading At Home

Find a time in the day when you can spend time with your child, so that you are relaxed and unhurried.

Talk about the book he has chosen, perhaps by simply looking at the front cover.

Encourage your child to guess what the book is going to be about.

Listen carefully to your child read. If the book is difficult take it in turns to read the page or sentence.

Encourage your child to guess difficult words by looking for clues in the pictures and the meaning of the rest of the text.

Don't do it for too long at a time. Never go beyond his interest span.

When your child has finished a book, discuss it. Find out what parts he liked or found difficult.

Make it a fun time. If you enjoy it, he probably will as well!

Hearing Stories

No matter how good your child is at reading he will enjoy hearing you read, even if he can read well.

He will enjoy reading his favourite stories to himself, but you will be able to read longer and more difficult stories than he can, and in this way improve his reading. You might enjoy the stories as well!

Choosing good literature

You can help your child to choose good literature to meet his interests! Here are some guidelines to follow when helping your child.

A strong story line

A lively, rhythmical text

Powerful, imaginative content

Interesting pictures which complement the text

Language which is not contrived.

Humour