

Reading

How can you help at home?

When a child first begins to read they have to make links between the symbols on the page and how we speak.

Talking about their everyday experiences, listening to stories and making up their own stories with the people around them is of the greatest value. This will give them the words and language they need to make these links when learning to read.

Using the words and language they know already together with the pictures in the book and the words and letters on the page will help them to become a reader.

Using these reading prompts does make a difference.

<p><u>Prompts - Visual</u></p> <p>Does it look right?</p> <p>What can you see that might help?</p> <p>Look carefully and think what you know.</p> <p>What can you hear that might help?</p> <p>Does it sound right?</p>	<p><u>Prompts - First Letters</u></p> <p>Where do we start?</p> <p>What is the first letter?</p> <p>What sound does it make?</p> <p>Were you right?</p>
<p><u>Prompts - Location</u></p> <p>Read it with your finger.</p> <p>Where is the hard bit?</p> <p>Run a finger under it while you say it slowly.</p>	<p><u>Prompts -Putting words together</u></p> <p>Did it sound good?</p> <p>Does it make sense?</p> <p>Put them all together so it sounds like talking.</p> <p>Make it sound like a story.</p>

Prompts - for putting words together

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