

It is important to remember that when sharing a book at home that your child should be reading with 85-90% accuracy so it is fine if they need a little help decoding and blending the words.



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Handy hints for reading with your child



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Create a calm reading environment

- **Look** Positive. **Sound** Positive.
- Find a quiet place without distractions or interruptions. Sit **next** to the reader so that you can read exactly what they are reading.
- **Talk** about the book before, during and after they read it.
- Ask questions like:
 - * What is this book about?
 - * What does this picture tell you?
 - * Where is the title? What does it say?
 - * Who was your favourite character? **Why?**
 - * What did you like about the book?
- At the end of the session write a small comment on how your child did in their reading diary. Mention what they did well and where they struggled. Let your child know what you are writing to ensure consistent communication between you and your child's teacher.

Being a good role model.



- Handle books carefully and respectfully, visit the library together and let your child choose a book for pleasure
- * Let your child see you reading for pleasure as well.
- Remain positive and encouraging. Use Praise, Pause and Prompt to help.
- **Praise** - well done, I like how you sound that out, good expression.
- **Pause** - don't just offer an answer let them think about it for a while.
- **Prompt** - encourage using one of the phonic strategies to decode the word
- Use the pictures to help guess what could be happening or will happen

Some phonic strategies to help your child.

- next.
- Encourage them to decode a word by sounding out the letters, whether this is individually or as groups that make sounds
 - E.g. **C-A-T** blend to make cat
 - Or **SH-I-P** blend to make ship
 - **Segment** the words to help your child see individually part of a larger word
 - E.g. **f-ar-m-er** blends to farmer.
 - Use this link to learn more about how to model to your child all of the phonetic sounds they are learning at school.

<https://www.youtube.com/>