

Why Should You Read with Your Child Every Night?



- It's time spent together
- It shows you value reading
- It's a conversation starter
- It's a great way to talk about difficult issues
- It's a chance to discuss the meaning of unknown words
- You can learn what your children can do and what they need help with
- It can lead to a lifelong love of reading

More Reasons

- Reading develops children's imagination
 - Reading improves spelling
 - Reading leads to improved writing
 - Reading is a vital skill in any job
 - Reading can take us to another world
- Listening to you read shows children what fluent reading should sound like



Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"
reads **20 minutes**
each day

3600 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

Student "B"
reads **5 minutes**
each day

900 minutes in
a school year

282,000 words



50th percentile

Student "C"
reads **1 minute**
each day

180 minutes in
a school year

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

Extensive Reading Leads To:

- acquire a large vocabulary
- understand grammar conventions
 - skilled writers
- becoming a good speller



**Enjoying a book with your child every day for ten minutes
will make a BIG difference!**

**Research suggests that reading for pleasure is the most
important indicator of the future success of a child.**

**If you show you think reading is enjoyable and important,
your child will also value reading.**

**The ultimate goal to make them enjoy
reading and want to read.**





Research findings suggest:

- children like reading a variety of materials:



- magazines

- websites



- text messages

- jokes

- comics



- newspapers



- fiction - adventure, ghost stories, comedy



What To Do: Beginning Readers

1. Look at the cover. Ask your child what the book might be about.
2. Let your child hold the book. Let them turn the pages slowly, talking about the pictures as you go.
3. Read the first page to your child, pointing to the words as you go. Ask them what happened on that page.
4. Ask your child to read the next page. Praise them for any attempts!
5. Wait for them to correct mistakes.
6. Ask them questions after each page.
7. Ask them to predict what will happen next.



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- Try that again



- You know that word (If they do!)
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General Tips



- **Point** to the words while you read.
- **Talk** about what is happening in the story, all the way through.
- If your child doesn't know a word, encourage them to sound decodable words. (CVC words)
- It is important to keep reading an enjoyable experience for **both** of you.
- **Praise** them if they ask for help or if they ask questions about the book.





General Tips



- Allow your child **at least 5 seconds** to work out a word they might know.
(CVC words, high frequency words)
 - CVC - consonant, vowel, consonant words (cat, dog, pig)
 - High Frequency Words (list)
- 5 word rule - if they can't work out 5 words on one page, that book might be too hard, just read the rest of it to them.

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