



Tips to Encourage a Child to Read



How to help an older child become a successful reader

Certain activities help children build their reading comprehension skills, such as:

- Identifying key elements and summarising a story
- Predicting what will happen next in a story
- Asking questions about characters or events
- Making connections between books and ideas
- Using pictures to help figure out the text
- Reading at the right level for them
- Writing or journaling about what they read
- Reading every day
- Reading enjoyable books

To support interest in reading:

- Ask the child to tell you about a book they really liked. This is encouraging them to remember key points and summarise the story.
- Talk to the child about books you read yourself when you were younger. This is helping them to make connections between books.
- Read chapter books with the child. This can be done in a number of ways, for example: listening to an audio book together; taking turns reading chapters out loud to each other; reading your own copy of a book the child is working on. When both adult and child know what is going on in the story, you can play guessing games together about the characters, make predictions about what will happen next or talk about other similar books.