

# READING TOGETHER

## HOW TO DO IT : THE MAIN POINTS



Make hearing your child's reading a **SPECIAL TIME**

- ❖ Find a quite comfy place.
- ❖ Make sure you can attend completely to your child.
- ❖ Sit beside your child so you can both see the book
- ❖ Discuss the story before and after your child has read. Talk about the pictures.

**PRAISE AND ENCOURAGE** your child while he is ready.

- Praise him when he corrects himself.
- Praise him by making encouraging noises etc (your child will not notice if you are nodding and smiling as he is reading).
- Praise him at the end of every sentence.

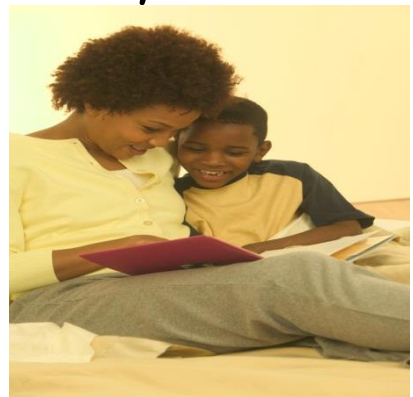


- Praise him when he corrects himself after a prompt.

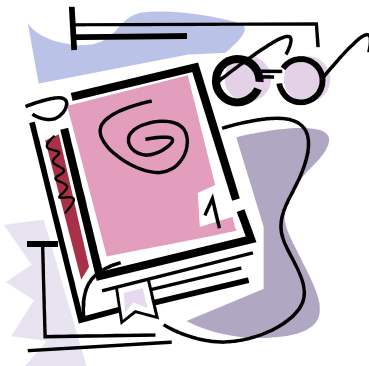


## CHOOSE A BOOK AT THE RIGHT LEVEL

- Choose a book that he can read without making too many mistakes. Do not always choose a book he can read fluently.



- The best level is about 2-5 mistakes in a paragraph of about 50 words.



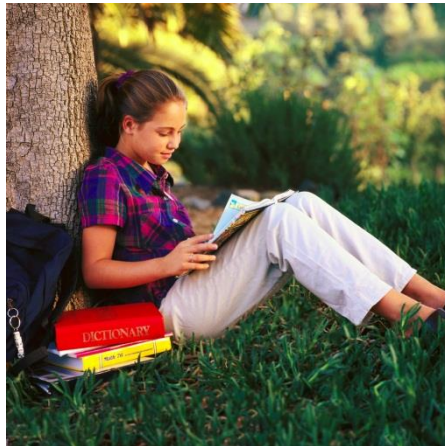
## HANDLING MISTAKES

- When your child makes a mistake which does not make sense encourage him to think about the story and to read to the end of the sentence, then try the word again.
- When your child makes a mistake that makes sense encourage him to look at the word more closely.



# READING TOGETHER - PARENT GROUPS

## GENERAL INFORMATION LEAFLET FOR PARENTS



The main purpose of the Reading Together Parent Groups is to look at things that parents can do which we know will improve their child's reading.



## WHAT HAPPENS

- 5 Friendly sessions.
- All parents of the class are invited.
- No more than 10 adults at any one group
- Children will join the workshops at appropriate times.
- Sessions will be lead by 2 trained adults.
- You will be asked to read regularly with your child at home.
- Learning will be through demonstration, discussion and practice.

## WE LOOK AT A RANGE OF FACTORS TO HELP LEARNING

### FOR EXAMPLE

- Getting the setting right for hearing your child read at home.
- How to choose a book at the right level of reading.
- The need for regular praise when hearing your child reading and how this can best be done.
- How to deal with reading when your child gets stuck with a word or makes a mistake.





**THESE GROUPS  
HAVE BEEN PROVEN TO WORK  
AND REALLY IMPROVE  
CHILDREN'S READING**

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