

SHARED READING

HOW TO DO IT : THE MAIN POINTS

Pre-Reading Skills can be developed in children by sharing books and playing simple games with their parents



Help your child to read through an enjoyable positive working partnership.

- ❖ It is important to praise.
- ❖ Get the setting right with as few distractions as possible.
- ❖ Get your child to help in choosing a book

HELPFUL WAYS OF SHARING A BOOK

Sharing books encourages discussions and builds vocabulary which your child needs to become a good reader.

RHyme

Learning rhymes helps children break words down.

- ❖ Bookwalk a rhyming book.
- ❖ Get your child to occasionally fill in a rhyming word.
- ❖ Highlight words that sound the same at the end by asking your child to guess what the missing rhyme is.
- ❖ All this can be extended by playing appropriate games.

RHYTHM

A good sense of rhythm helps to boost reading and writing skills.



If a child can hear syllables in a word then they can break words down into syllables which helps reading.

Games which play with rhythm help children develop a sense of rhythm which helps them to hear the syllables in words.

INITIAL SOUNDS

Hearing the first sound in a word helps children start to identify individual letters.

The best way for children to hear sounds is a lot of practice listening to words and the individual sounds in words.



Learning should be fun and some games with sounds and words can help.

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