

**Quick reading tips:**

- Children enjoy reading from texts and images that are aimed at their interests.
- Get a book with pictures, they help you get into the words more quickly.
- Be sensitive to the types of story your child likes; factual or story books. Where does his or her imagination want to go?



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- If your child is growing, it is often helpful to revisit old favourite books to reassure young readers.
- Even good books do not have to be long. Quick stories can refresh and interest too!
- Be prepared to be generous – you may not find the book interesting, but we bet they do!



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**Reading tips for very young readers**

Gazing directly into your baby's eyes, talking to him and waiting for his responses, stimulates your baby's brain, helping to strengthen the connections that make learning possible. This also helps them learn to talk, as it is from listening to your voice that he will learn to use language.

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**Reading tips for very young readers**

- Good speaking and listening skills help them to become a good readers and writers.
- Communicating, talking and interaction help develop social skills and good relationships.
- This will show that you love and respect them, enhancing self-esteem.

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**Literacy web links for parents and carers**

BBC Schools Early Years Link to one of the BBC's websites for pre-school children.

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/eyts/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/eyts/)

BBC Schools Ages 4 – 11

This site has lots of free downloadable resources for younger children, including worksheets to practise phonics, the alphabet, nursery rhymes, and lots of craft downloads.

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**Practical reading hints**

When you read to your child, make the experience interactive - ask questions about the story, the pictures and what they think of the characters.

As their reading skills grow, gradually let them turn the tables until they're reading to you.

Enrol your child at the local library so they can try new books regularly

Keep an eye out for the themes that catch your child's imagination at school - and help follow it up with more reading.

When you come across an unusual or funny-sounding word, help your child find out what it means and write it on the fridge door with magnetic letters.