

QUICK GUIDE TO PAIRED READING

READING TOGETHER

CHILD READING ALONE

Read with your child, both of you reading at same pace.

Your child gives agreed signal. Praise for reading alone.

If mistake made, allow four seconds for your child to correct.

Your child reads alone. Ask questions and discuss from time to time.

If not corrected, say word and ask your child to repeat correctly.

If error made, give four seconds to correct.

Use praise.

If not corrected, say word and ask to repeat correctly.

Ask questions and discuss what you are reading.

Read together again until your child signals to read alone.

We've tried Paired Reading - What else can we do?

Reading Aloud

Reading aloud to your child as they follow can allow you to model good habits. They can listen to, for example, how you use expression to bring reading alive and see that punctuation affects how you read.

Echo Reading

This is very similar to reading aloud but here you read a section and then your child echoes or repeats what you have read. They get the chance to practise using expression and pronouncing new words etc.

Silent Reading

Each of you read silently from time to time, either sharing the same text or reading different texts. You can then discuss what you have been reading and ask each other questions.

What sort of texts can we read?

Examples of texts that might be enjoyed include:-

- Graphic novels, comics, cartoons
- Short stories, poems, plays or novels
- Newspapers and magazines
- Leaflets, booklets and reference material
- Appropriate websites and blogs



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Why paired Reading?

Paired reading is a tried and trusted method that you can use to help your children with reading. Research shows that paired reading can encourage children to read more independently and become more positive about reading in general.

As a reading partner, you can be an excellent role model for your child. You can help them gain better understanding of what they are reading by asking questions and talking about what you are reading.

Paired reading can be a way of giving home-work support but you can use a variety of reading material. Paired reading sessions can be just as effective when you read different texts like magazines, newspapers, non-fiction books and comics.

Paired reading sessions should be fun and relaxed and should give the child the chance to practise their reading skills without fear of "getting it wrong". You can explain that even you as an adult reader sometimes come across words that you are not sure of. Children's confidence can also be boosted when you give them praise and one-to-one attention.

Paired Reading Technique

- It might seem obvious but it is important that

Before Reading

both you and your child are comfortable and sitting side by side so that you can read together.

- If you are reading something new, start by talking about the front cover, the illustrations and what they already know about the subject matter. This helps them to become more confident with reading material.

- Start by reading together at the same pace. If your child is reading too slowly or quickly, encourage them to mirror your pace. This might be a little tricky at first, but once you have

During Reading

tried it a few times you should both start to get into a better reading rhythm.

- If your child makes a mistake, give them about four seconds to correct it. If they don't manage to say the word for themselves ask them to repeat it back to you, continue to read together, using praise as you read.

- Every so often, pause to ask questions, look at illustrations and discuss interesting points or words in the text. Questions should be open, using words like "who", "what" and "why" - open questions help you avoid short yes and no answers.

- At some point your child might want to read alone. They can simply tell you they want to do this, or use a signal such as a tap on your arm or knock on the table. Praise them for their effort. If, when reading alone they make a mistake, give them about four seconds to put it right. If they correct the word on their own, they can continue to read alone. If they are still stuck on the word, then read the word for them and ask them to repeat it. You then go back to reading together until your child signals again that they want to read alone.

When you have finished reading, there are many fun things that you can do to give your child a chance to reflect on what they have

After Reading

read. Here are some things you can try:

- Make up quizzes for each other
- Draw or make models of the characters or setting
- Use the internet to find out about the author
- Create a poster advertising the text you have read
- Compare your opinions—would you recommend what you have read to others?
- Design a cartoon strip about the character

Over the page you will see a handy diagram that you can use a quick way of reminding yourself how to use the paired reading method.