

Help Your Child Read Like a Champion!



Why is reading so important?

Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. In fact, there's evidence to suggest that reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.



What difference could I make as a parent?







The short answer is: a lot! Parents are by far the most important educators in a child's life and it's never too early or too late for a child to start, even if you're only reading with your child for a few minutes a day.



Follow these Top Tips to help your child become a Champion Reader!

- **Use the Books Trust Book Finder** to help your child find a book which appeals to them -
<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>
- **Make books part of your family life** - Always have books around so that you and your children are ready to read whenever there's a chance.
- **Join your local library** - Get your child a library card. You'll find the latest video games, blu-rays and DVDs, plus tons and tons of fantastic books. Allow them to pick their own books, encouraging their own interests.
- **All reading is good** - Don't discount non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines and leaflets. Reading is reading and it is all good.
- **Read again and again** - Encourage your child to re-read favourite books and poems. Re-reading helps to build up fluency and confidence.
- **Bedtime stories** - Regularly read with your child or children at bedtime. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with your child.
- **Share more advanced books with your child** - It is also important to read to your child. This is an opportunity for them to hear stories and language at a higher level than they can read alone. Research shows that hearing texts read aloud is a significant source of vocabulary acquisition. Use audio books/ Amazon Audible too.
- **Get comfortable!** - Snuggle up together somewhere warm and cosy, whether it's in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa. And make sure your child has somewhere comfy to read on their own too.

VIPERS - Questions to Ask your Child as they Read

<p>Vocabulary</p> <p>Find and explain the meaning of words in context.</p> 	<p>Infer</p> <p>Make and justify inferences using evidence from the text.</p> 	<p>Predict</p> <p>Predict what will happen based from the details given or implied.</p> 	<p>Explain</p> <p>Explain how content is related and contributed to the meaning as a whole. Explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of language. Explain the themes and patterns that develop across the text. Explain how information contributes to the overall experience.</p> 	<p>Retrieve</p> <p>Retrieve and record information and identify key details from fiction and non-fiction.</p> 	<p>Summarise</p> <p>Summarise the main ideas from more than one paragraph.</p> 
<p>Example questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do the words and suggest about the character, setting and mood? • Which word tells you that.....? • Which keyword tells you about the character/setting/mood? • Find one word in the text which means..... • Find and highlight the word that is closest in meaning to..... • Find a word or phrase which shows/suggests that..... 	<p>Example questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find and copy a group of words which show that... • How do these words make the reader feel? How does this paragraph suggest this? • How do the descriptions of show that they are • How can you tell that..... • What impression of do you get from these paragraphs? • What voice might these characters use? • What was thinking when..... • Who is telling the story? 	<p>Example questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the cover what do you think this text is going to be about? • What is happening now? What happened before this? What will happen after? • What does this paragraph suggest will happen next? What makes you think this? • Do you think the choice of setting will influence how the plot develops? • Do you think... will happen? Yes, no or maybe? Explain your answer using evidence from the text. 	<p>Example questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is the text arranged in this way? • What structures has the author used? • What is the purpose of this text feature? • Is the use of effective? • The mood of the character changes throughout the text. Find and copy the phrases which show this. • What is the author's point of view? • What affect does have on the audience? • How does the author engage the reader here? • Which words and phrases did effectively? • Which section was the most interesting/exciting part? • How are these sections linked? 	<p>Example questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How would you describe this story/text? What genre is it? How do you know? • How did...? • How often...? • Who had...? Who is...? Who did...? • What happened to...? • What does.... do? • How is • What can you learn from from this section? • Give one example of..... • The story is told from whose perspective? 	<p>Example questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you number these events 1-5 in the order that they happened? • What happened after • What was the first thing that happened in the story? • Can you summarise in a sentence the opening/ middle/end of the story? • In what order do these chapter headings come in the story?

Useful Websites for Encouraging Reading at Home

Great Books Guide - <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/great-books-guide/>

HomeTime - <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/>

Oxford Owl Free EBooks - <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/>