

## How can I get my child to read more?

Reading is important for building your child's language skills and creativity. However, it can be hard getting your child to read as often as you'd like. Here are some ways to making reading more enjoyable:

### Tip #1: Read together

From a young age, read aloud to your child. Ask lots of questions about pictures, characters and stories. Get children to use their imaginations and guess what will happen next in the story. Most importantly, keep reading aloud to your child even after they can read independently. Make reading sessions your special child-parent time.

### Tip #2: Read everything

Go beyond books and make reading a part of your child's everyday life. Encourage them to read comics, magazines, cards, street signs, advertisements or even cereal boxes! Take every opportunity to develop your child's reading skills. Doing it in a fun way will develop your child's curiosity and engagement with the world.

### Tip #3: Let your child choose

Children are more likely to read what they enjoy. Find out what your child is excited about. If your child loves watching cooking shows, read a recipe together. Or show them a brochure about the latest superhero movie. Most importantly, take your children to a library and let them choose books by themselves.

### Tip #4: Record and reward

Record the books that your child reads. Set a goal for the number of books to read each week. Reward your child's reading achievements with stickers or extra play time. Simply praising your child or giving lots of encouragement can also be very powerful.

### Tip #5: Be a role model

Parents are the most powerful influence on children's lives. Teach children to love reading by reading regularly yourself. Show them how exciting and fun reading can be. Fill your family home with lots of books and magazines.

## BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

- ▶ The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- ▶ Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
- ▶ Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
- ▶ Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson
- ▶ Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
- ▶ The Harry Potter Series by J.K. Rowling

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