

## 10 ways to help your child to become a better reader

1. Start early!
2. Lead by example – let your child see that you enjoy reading (even if this is something you haven't always done very often!).
3. Any reading is great for your child! Try to provide books/comics/magazines that interest them. Remember, you can usually borrow these from a library.
4. Try to set aside time to listen to your child reading. Your child will also enjoy you reading to them.
5. Encourage your child to swap books they have enjoyed with friends.
6. Ask your child to help you when you have to read instructions to do something. They will see the everyday use of reading and feel good about helping you!
7. When possible, ask your child to listen to younger children read (siblings, cousins and friends). Teaching someone else is really good for reading and for confidence!
8. When your child is confident, encourage them to use an expressive tone in their reading.
9. Gently introduce different reading material so that your child does not stick with one particular style and author (plays, biographies, factual, fiction).
10. Discover or re-discover the library with your child!