

The Dos and Don'ts of Reading

Do	Don't
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read to or listen to your child read on a daily basis• Make reading a pleasure for both of you• Try to ensure that your child is getting some information from the text• Praise your child's effort at attempting an unfamiliar word• Tell them the word after 5 seconds hesitation• Encourage your child to repeat an unfamiliar word after you say it• Choose a time for reading that you both agree• Allow your child to select a book they want to read• Find a comfortable and quiet place to read together• Have some time built in to the activity to discuss what is being read• Read together to support reading practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feel guilty if you can't do this every night, but try• Allow your child to become frustrated• Read without discussing the content at the beginning and the end• Criticise your child for mispronouncing a word or losing their place• Let them hesitate too long or fluency is lost• Stop in the middle of a sentence to get your child to study a word• Get annoyed when you are aware that your child knows a word.• Pick the book - It is not your call• Allow your reading experience to be disturbed• Let reading become a chore• Compare your child with another• Rush this precious time