

How to do Paired Reading

Help your child choose a book that they want to read

- Talk about the pictures and the title of the story.
- During and after reading, talk about what's in the book and ask them questions about what they have read.
- Choose a 'sign' to show when your child is ready to read independently, (you don't want the child to break their flow of reading).
- Start reading together, (this might feel a bit strange to begin with).
- If you lose each other or the child misses bits out, slow down.

When your child signals to read alone:

- Stop reading and let the child carry on.
- Keep up a 'patter of praise' all the time the child is reading correctly.

If your child reads a word wrong:

- It's best not to make the child struggle, or 'break it up' or 'sound it out' for too long.
- However, if they get stuck, you shouldn't jump in and say the right word straight away either.
- Give your child 3 or 4 seconds to see if they can figure it out by themselves and then just tell them the word.

....and remember to talk about the book and what's happening!

