

# READING GUIDE FOR PARENTS – When your child cannot read on their own.

## Dear parents!

Your effort is crucial for your child's development of reading skills. You should therefore use fifteen minutes each day on reading. Below you will find some tips and advice on how you can support your child on developing reading skills.

### 1. Choose the right time to read!

Find a time that suits both you and your child. Do not wait too long into the evening before you start reading. Your child may be tired after a long day. The goal is to have fun while reading.

### 2. The pictures are important!

Study the front page of the book together. What do you think the text is about? Browse through the book and look at all the pictures. Talk together about the pictures. By doing this your child will have an idea what the text is about.

### 3. Read for your child.

If your child cannot read yet, it is important that you show the child how one starts to read. Ask your child to follow the text with their finger together with you. In this way your child will get comfortable using their «reading finger».

### 4. If your child can recognize some of the words.

Children who are six years old are usually not conscious about what a word's function is. This training is important for them to be able to point out single words. By pointing, the child will learn the difference between a word and a sentence. Stop and read some of the easy words together, slowly. Do not pronounce the whole word, but syllable by syllable.

### 5. Help your child to stop and wonder while reading.

Reading can be a nice experience. It is good if your child can recognize some letters and words. It is even better if your child can find some words that rhyme.

### 6. Talk together about the meaning of words.

To be able to explain the meaning of words is good exercise. Explain what you think some of the words mean. Use simple and everyday words when explaining.

### 7. You can read a book or text several times!

A child thinks it is funny to read a story several times. Talk together about what you remember from the last time you read it.



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