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Paired Reading helps parents help their children with their reading. Because most children enjoy Paired Reading, it helps them **want** to read.

It allows the child to be successful so is especially useful for children who:

- Find reading difficult
- Do not feel confident about reading
- Are reluctant to read

Paired Reading

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What you need:

Books

- Your child should choose the book
- Newspapers, magazines, even books that seem too hard - so long as your child chooses it!

Time

- 5 minutes per day
- 5 times a week

Place

- Somewhere quiet
- Somewhere comfortable



Topping, K. (1987). Paired reading: A powerful technique for parent use. *Reading Teacher*, 40, 608-614.



Catching on to Reading!

Remember! Grandparents, brothers and sisters can all help with paired reading, so long as you all do it the same way.



STEP 1: reading together

- Read the words out loud together
- Your child might start by reading the words just after you
- Match your reading speed to your child's
- Your child MUST read every word

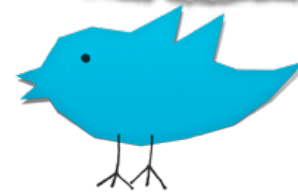
- If they struggle then get it right - show them you're pleased!
- If they don't get it after 3 or 4 seconds, say the correct word, then make sure they say it as well
- Make sure they LOOK at the word - they can point to the words if they want to



STEP 2: reading alone

When your child is confident they might want to read some of the book on their own. You can either:

- Lower your voice until they are reading on their own, OR
- They can give you a signal
- They might give you a squeeze or a thumbs up
- If they struggle for more than 3 or 4 seconds or make a mistake...
- Read the correct word and make sure they say it too
- Go back to reading together until they give you the signal!



Do

- Show them you are pleased: smile, say "Good" or "Well done"
- Cosy up together in a quiet place
- Talk about the book as you read with them

Don't

- Fuss if they get a word wrong
- Make them struggle over a word for too long
- Make them sound it out, or break up a word

