

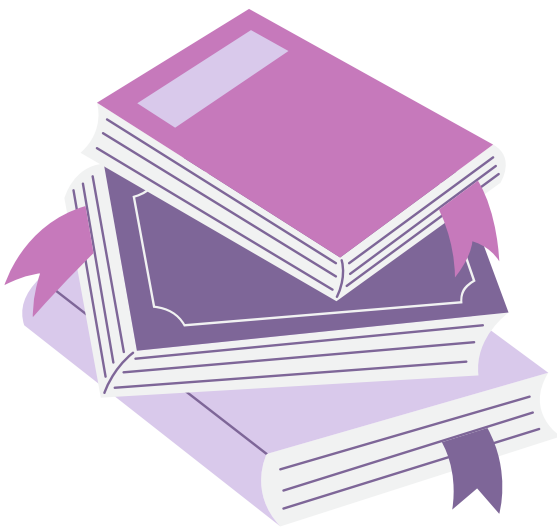
6 practical ideas for supporting reading in the home



1 Shared reading

Keep reading to your child! Find a quiet spot and dive into stories together- reading aloud is powerful, even if they're not ready to read on their own. Not a big reader? Chat about the pictures! Listening to an adult read builds vocabulary, sentence flow, and expression. Plus, it's a powerful bonding experience. Talking about the illustrations also boosts comprehension skills.

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Follow interests

Children engage more when books match their interests. Find out what they love- sports, animals, science- and start there. Connecting reading to their passions makes it fun and meaningful!

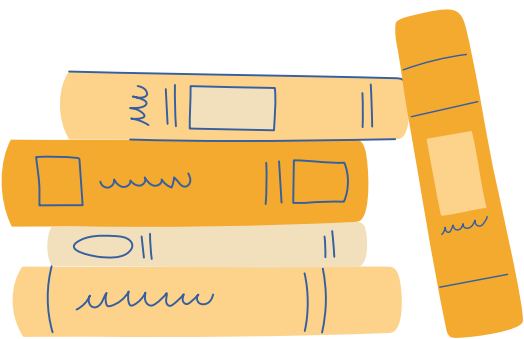
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Listen to the audiobook

Audiobooks take the pressure off decoding words, letting children enjoy stories stress-free. They build vocabulary, improve comprehension, and model fluent reading- all while making books fun and accessible. Plus, they can listen anywhere.

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Books that reflect their lives

When children see their own experiences, culture, and daily life in stories, reading feels meaningful. These books validate identity and build confidence. [Check out our list of books that reflect lived experiences.](#)

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Piggyback on established routines

Turn what your child already loves into a reading moment! If they enjoy swimming, arrive 10 minutes early and read together on the observation deck. You could even arrive at school 10 minutes early and read in the car together.

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Watch the film



If children already have some curiosity about a book's content, that's a far easier way in to reading than something they've never seen before. Try books tied to movies they love- like The Hunger Games or The Martian- or stories based on video games such as Halo or Bioshock. You could even watch the film first and then read the story together afterwards!