

# TOP TIPS FOR READING TO YOUR PRE-SCHOOL CHILD



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## Read Regularly to Your Child

Anytime is a good time for a story but making reading part of your child's bedtime routine can help get them ready for sleep. It also provides a great opportunity to bond with your child. The more stories your child hears, the more their language skills will develop. This is very important for early learning.

## When possible, allow your child to choose!

Allow your child to choose books they love. It is okay to read the same book over and over again. A familiar book will be a comfort to your child and will help develop their confidence and their language skills. Hearing the same story over again helps your child notice patterns, sequences and learn how to predict what happens next.



## Have Fun!

Let your child tell the story using the pictures in the book. You could make animal noises, pull funny faces or use silly voices! However, remember that it is your voice that turns a book into a cherished story and you do not have to be an actor or do funny voices for your child to enjoy the story.



## Choosing New Stories

A great way of providing your child with new books is through joining the library. Libraries also offer eBooks and audiobooks to read at home or to play in the car. **LIBRARIES ARE FREE!** Alternatively, why not swap books with friends and family.

