

## Reading Tips

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- Read every day to / with your child.
- ➤ Snuggle up close with the book.
- Discuss the front cover and the title.
- ➤ Talk about the pictures and ask lots of questions. Who... What... Why... When... Where... How... Are...
- ➤ Read with lots of expression. Change your voice for the different characters!
- Share different genres of books. Story books, fact books, picture books, rhyming books...
- It's okay to share your child's favourite books again and again!





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- ➤ **Read aloud!** Encourage your child to sound out unfamiliar words using their sound knowledge.
- ➤ Questions! Who... What... Why... When... Where...
  How... Are...

Literal - Who is main character?
Inference - Why do you think Harry is feeling that way?

- ➤ **Predictions!** What do you think the book will be about? (Front cover / blurb). What do you think will happen next? (End of a chapter).
- Summarise! Before reading, ask your child what has happened so far. After reading with your child, ask them to summarise what happened.



## Example Questions

- Why did you choose this book?
- What has happened so far (fiction) or what this book is about (nonfiction)?
- What has been the most exciting part? Why?
- Tell me about the main character.
- Why do you think X (a character) did that?
- How you think X (a character) is feeling at the moment? Show me which words/phrases tell us that.
- Why you think X (an event) happened?
- What do you think will happen next? What makes you think that?
- Why do you think the author choose this title?
- What sorts of books do you enjoy most/least? Why?
- Are you enjoying this book? Would you recommend it?

