

PAIRED READING

Has been proven to increase the reading age in children who practice it regularly. It should be done in addition to the school "reading" book.

WHAT TO READ?

It doesn't have to be a "book". Magazines, Newspapers, recipes, brochures etc can all be used. Find something your child is keen to read!!!



Please contact me if you would like any more Information.

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Information for Parents

BOOKS

Let your child choose a book which is a little harder than he would read on his own, but one he is keen to read.

PLACE

Choose somewhere comfortable with no distractions e.g. television.

TIME

It is better to read for short periods e.g. 5 mins/day, than extended periods not so frequently. Your child will benefit from regular reading practice.

INSTRUCTIONS

You read, whilst pointing at the words.

Your child repeats everything you say, "reading" along with you.

When child is confident he can read the next word or words on his own, he signals e.g. knocking on the table, tapping your hand.



He reads alone, you whisper encouragement when appropriate. If your child makes a mistake, or fails to read a word you simply say the correct word, which he repeats, before reading along together again until the next time he signals.

It is important not to interrupt the "flow" by saying things like "but you know this word!" or "sound it out!"

By reading together you are allowing your child to see lots of words he may not ordinarily read, and you are modelling good reading, and your enjoyment of the book.

Don't forget to chat about the book's content when appropriate! Enjoy the time together!