



## Building Reading Relationships



### Paired Reading

Paired reading has many benefits. It is a process where the adult, or indeed an older child, reads alongside the younger child.

As a pair, the adult and child read aloud together from the same book and the adult slows down their pace to match the child's. It is not necessary to worry about new words but instead to focus on enjoying the story on its own merits. A familiar, much loved story would work well here.

In paired reading sessions, the adult should always read the book aloud to the child before they ask them to read it back. This gives the child an opportunity to absorb and understand the story and to hear the words and recognise the language patterns they will encounter when they read it themselves

### Paired Reading Steps:

- Read along with the child
- Adjust speed to stay together
- If the child makes a mistake, re-read the word
- Establish a signal the child can use when they want to read alone  
Stop reading along when they give this signal
- Praise the child frequently – at the end of each page.





## **Shared Reading: Building Confidence**

Moving on from paired reading, shared reading is an interactive reading experience between adult and child which occurs when a child reads a book while being guided and supported by an adult.

### **Benefits:**

- Provides a child with guidance and support while encouraging them to read independently
- Builds the child's vocabulary and reading fluency
- Gives the child access to stories they might not feel confident enough to read alone
- Promotes successful reading, through support

### **Shared Reading Steps:**

- Introduce the story by talking about the title and the cover picture
- Ask the child what they think the story might be about
- Prompt the child to read a few pages to you
- When the session is over, ask them for their opinion
- Re-read the story