

# 5 Tips to support your child with reading



Research shows that reading helps to improve vocabulary, communication skills and also makes us better writers. We all need these skills in life and in our workplace. Consider talking to your child about when you use these skills in your own life and work.

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## Audio

*Research has found that audiobooks can improve children's reading skills and enjoyment of reading as well as their mental wellbeing. If your child is reluctant to read a book, you could offer them an audiobook.*

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## Join your local library

*Your local librarian can help you and your child to find books that might interest them. If your child enjoys a particular author or genre, perhaps you could talk to the librarian to find similar books by different authors?*

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## Encourage all reading

*Some parents worry that their child likes re-reading a particular book or author. Although reading a variety of texts and authors is important, reading similar styles can help to increase students' confidence with reading.*

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## Turn the Subtitles On

*Have you seen the 'Turn the Subtitles On' campaign? Research shows that turning the subtitles on the TV can have a significant impact on young people's reading skills.*

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## Tap into what they enjoy

*Reading isn't just important for English lessons; it's important for every subject. If you know your child is interested in a particular subject or topic area, you could find articles about this to share with them and ask their view on what they've read.*