

# Paired Reading

Paired reading is a way to help children develop their reading skills.

## Who can help?

- ☺ Parents
- ☺ Other family members



## What is needed?

- ☺ Books!
- ☺ Any book is suitable whether from home, school or library.

## Time?

- ☺ Short, daily sessions are best if possible ( 15-20 minutes maximum)

## Place?

- ☺ Somewhere quiet and comfortable where the readers can sit together comfortably.

## How to start

### Stage 1- Reading Together

- 📖 The helper and the reader both read words out loud together.
- 📖 The helper should try and go at the same speed as the reader even if this seems slow.
- 📖 The reader should attempt to read every word. If s/he struggles and then gets it right, the helper should praise the reader.
- 📖 If the reader struggles for more than a few seconds or gets a word wrong, the helper simply says the right word and makes sure the reader says it correctly also.
- 📖 Let the reader use a finger to follow the words through the story/ text.

### Stage 2-Reading alone

- 📖 When the reader begins to feel confident with reading together, s/he may want to attempt to read on alone for a while. Decide on a



way that the reader can let you know they are ready to attempt some sentences alone-**a hand signal or a knock on the table will do.**

📖 At the agreed signal the helper should be quiet and let the reader continue. If s/he should struggle for more than a few seconds with any word then the helper should read the word correctly and make sure that the reader also reads it.

📖 Then both the helper and reader carry on reading together for a while until once again the reader feels confident enough to give the signal and to continue alone.

## Tips to Help

- 😊 **Model text**-you read it first
- 😊 **Pre tutor vocabulary**- ask child if they know what words mean and explain to them if they don't.
- 😊 **If the reader gets a word wrong**-helper should simply tell them the right word.  
Don't let them struggle.
- 😊 **Encourage the reader at every opportunity.**  
Praise the reading as often as possible, particularly if the reader self corrects.
- 😊 **Talk about the book you are reading together.**  
Ask questions about the picture and about the story as it develops. Ask what might happen next. Listen to the answers and develop the conversation when there are interesting points.
- 😊 **Keep a diary of reading progress.**  
Note how far you have got in the story/text and any difficulties that have been encountered.
- 😊 Give praise as often as possible.

**Well Done!**

**Wonderful !**

**Great reading !**

**Fantastic !**

**Brilliant !**