



## Listening to Children Read

### Book introduction

- Draw attention to important ideas within the book
- Look at and talk about the pictures
- Point out new words – can they find any from the initial letter sound?

They should know what the story is about before it is read.  
Encourage expression: “Try and make your reading sound like talking.”

### Some ideas you can use if your child is stuck on a word

Check what clues can be found in:

- The pictures
- The storyline or the meaning of the sentence

Suggest they:

- Leave the word out and read to the end of the sentence
- Say the first sound of the word and read to the end of the sentence

Now think about:

- What word would make sense?
- Does the word you are thinking of look right?
- Does the word you are thinking of sound right?

If necessary have another go.

Praise your child, e.g.

“You said ... That was a good try but does ... look right and make sense?”

Or

“You said ... That was a good try but does... look right and sound right?”

Try not to say “No” and encourage them to keep having a go.

**Remember if your child can't do it just tell them the word**