

Paired Reading – How to do it

What to Read

- Books, poems, newspapers, magazines, TV pages.
- With your help your child should choose what they are interested in.
- Choose reading material that is not too hard and not too easy.

When to read

- A quiet place. Sit side by side
- 3 times a week for about 15 minutes

How to read together

- Warm up - talk, look at the words and pictures.
- Agree a signal to indicate that your child wants to read without help from you - for example, raise a finger or a tap on the hand.

Next – Start Reading Together

As you read together one of you should point to the words as you read. When your child feels ready and wants to read on their own, they should give the agreed signal.

Mistakes and Hesitations

- If your child says a word wrongly or hesitates at a word, wait for them to put it right (3 to 4 seconds).
- If your child cannot self correct, you say the word correctly, then your child repeats it.
- Both of you then carry on reading together until your child feels confident enough to signal that they wish to read again without your help.
- Every so often you should both pause and talk about interesting words or points.

Paired Reading - Helpful Hints

Plan and Organise

- Read regularly: at least 3 times a week for about 15 minutes.
- Keep a reading diary to help motivation.

Praise and Encouragement

- Always praise your child for taking part and also their hard work at difficult bits
- There are some ideas of helpful words to use on the back page or use your own.

The Aim of Paired Reading

- The aim of paired reading is to help develop fluent reading skills as well as increasing confidence and enjoyment of reading.
- So it is important that the reading material is at the right level (not too easy and not too hard) to encourage independent reading.

Remember, Paired Reading should be a fun activity, so if it is causing arguments or you are unsure what to do next, stop and ask for advice from your school.



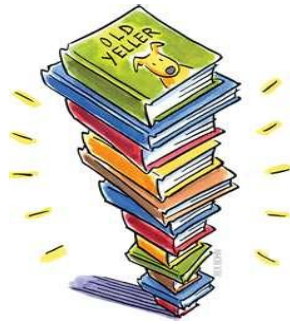
Paired Reading - Dictionary of Praise

Great stuff

Fantastic

Well done

Nearly there



YOU MANAGED SOME TRICKY WORDS

You had a go at hard words

Better every minute

You have stopped rushing

Your best yet

You

keep trying hard

Paired Reading Guidance Leaflet for Parents



What is Paired Reading?

Paired Reading aims to develop fluent reading skills and increase confidence.

Paired reading involves you and your child enjoying reading activities together. It works well for readers at all ages.

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