

## Activity 5 – Reading and sharing books

### Prepare a book reading

#### What to do

- Pick a book together which you are going to practise and perform for a planned person. This could make a lovely gift/focus for a video call.
- Read together, taking turns to read a page, or a section. The idea is to give your child practise in perfecting a reading but keeping it manageable by sharing the load by reading some too.
- Practise reading aloud until the reading is confident and fluent.
- Try to do different voices for the characters and develop sound effects, *a tap on a glass for a spell*, etc.
- When you are ready, share the reading with an appreciative audience.

#### What you need

A book which your child can read or partly read (a story book which your child really enjoys)

Simple items to make sound effects



#### Extension

Create a recording which your child can listen to while they are looking at the book.  
Share a recording with a faraway family member and ask them to send a similar one for you to enjoy together.  
Make some 'read along' recordings for your child of books which are a bit too hard for them to read yet. They will enjoy listening as you turn the pages (or ask an older sibling to).  
Watch and enjoy some reading or animated versions of familiar story books (*see below*).

#### Questions to ask

Which story will Auntie Tára like?  
Which parts will you read and which parts will I read?  
Can you read this sentence?  
How can we make it more fun to listen to? How will the snake speak?  
What sound could we use for the fairy appearing?  
Are we ready to share this? Could we make it even better?

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*Room on the Broom*: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p0102qfj/room-on-the-broom>

*Zog*: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0bwdw8y/zog>

*The Gruffalo*: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b00pk64x/the-gruffalo>

*The Snail and the Whale*: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000cslw/the-snail-and-the-whale>

CBeebies' *Bedtime Stories* are regularly updated: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b00jdlm2/cbeebies-bedtime-stories>