

Reading with Children



R - Remember

E - Enjoy

A- Act

D - Discuss



R - Remember

It is always worth remembering/recalling things that you and your child know about the book before you start.

e.g. Other similar books

Books by the same author

Books with similar characters.

Times when you have been in similar settings.



E - Enjoy

The most important thing is that this is a time for enjoyment - not something to be got through.

How can it become enjoyable?

Carve out a 10 minute window and don't try and do anything else.

Turn your phone off.

There is no agenda apart from enjoying the story!



A - Act

Try reading with expression. Use voices for different characters.
Just be a little bit over the top!

D - Discuss

- Was the book as you expected?
- Was there anything you disliked about the story?
- At what point did you decide you liked/disliked the story?
- If you have read this book before, did you enjoy it more this time?
- Did you notice anything special about the way language is used in this book? (dialect, descriptive writing etc)
- If you had written this book, how would you have made it better?
- Has anything that happens in this book ever happened to you?



Some useful websites for you:

www.jollylearning.co.uk - Jolly Phonics

www.parentlink.co.uk - contains ideas to help at home

www.bbc.co.uk - school section (words and pictures for phonic activities)

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.literacytrust.org.uk

www.crickweb.co.uk/assets/resources/flash.php?&file=ww

www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/onlinestory.htm

www.snaitprimary.eril.net/rindex.htm—nursery rhyme