



## Encouraging Your Child to Read

Reading is the key to unlocking the doors of knowledge, creativity, and imagination. Here are a few ways you can motivate your child to read more often.

**1** Children learn from their role models and mimic their habits – what better habit to encourage than reading! Try to make it a point to read in front of your child.

**2** Encourage your child to read daily! Twenty minutes is the recommended daily reading time, but it's okay to start small and work to build their reading stamina. You can start by setting aside 5-10 minutes a day, and slowly add minutes as your child's reading stamina strengthens. You can take it a step further and track their progress together.

**3** Read with your child and talk about the text! Sharing stories together is a great way to foster their love for reading. Choose books you can both enjoy and take turns reading aloud to one another. These shared experiences can also help to strengthen your child's reading comprehension.

**4** Head to your town library together! Public libraries have so much to offer that you and your child can take advantage of together. Libraries are a great place to explore different genres and text-types. Your child will love having their own library card and searching for books they are interested in.

**5** Create an at-home library where your child can keep all their favorite books.

**6** Use magazines for word scavenger hunts and provide your child with a list of things to look for.

**7** Only refer to reading in a positive way! So often, reading at home can become more of a chore than an enjoyable experience – it's something the child must do versus wants to do. Try to use reading as a tool to reward your child, and enjoy family moments together. Consider letting them stay awake for an extra 10 minutes to read as a benefit of positive behavior.