

# How to make your child become a good Reader

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For Children, Reading skill is not only to give successful in their school but, also throughout their life. When children learn to read, they have their own key that open the door of all the knowledge of the world. Without this key, many children are left behind in their life.

Children's are coming to the world for learning, they starts on the road to becoming a reader on the day they are born and first hear the sounds of your voice is the starting point.

As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. You don't need to be the best reader to help your child become a good reader, just you have to spend your time, and interest and the pleasure that you share with your child as part of reading together, these are all make your child become a reader.

Children become readers step-by-step. By age of 5, most children are ready to read. Keep in mind, however, that child don't all learn at the same pace. Some take longer than others, and some need extra help. When Children receive the right kind of help in their early years, reading difficulties that can arise later in their lives can be prevented.

Once children get the habit of reading we don't need to push them in their school and college years, they can take care of themselves. And this article gives some information that helps you to make your child to be a successful reader

**Here we will start from Birth to age of 5 years old children;**

(Birth to 1 Year)

From very beginning, babies try to imitate the sounds that they are hearing from us. They "read" the looks on our faces and our movements. That's why it is so important to talk, sing, smile, and gesture to your child. Hearing you talk is your baby's very first step towards becoming a reader, because it helps her/him to love language and to learn words.

Talking and keeping the conversations that helps to grow their language skill.

For younger babies, we have to choose cardboard books, washable books and cloth books with large, simple pictures with which babies are familiar.

Touch-and-feel or peek-through play books are making involve them with books.

## CHILDREN AGES-1-6

### **Age-1**

Talk often with your child. When you are feeding, bathing and dressing him, ask him to name or find different objects or clothing. Point out colors, sizes and shapes.

When you're reading the story put your child in your lap and show the pictures, Research said this is the appropriate position for both parent and the child to get involve in the book as well as attachment on each other. and in a lively way, you explain what the picture is.

Now you have just helped that your child takes the next step beyond talking. You've show to the child that words and pictures are connected. When your child is young, reading aloud to him/her should become part of your routine. Pick a quiet time, such as just before you put him/her to bed. This will give him/her a chance to rest between play and sleep.

Try to spend at least 30 minutes each day reading with your child. At first, read for not more than a few minutes at a time but, several times a day. Make sure that reading stays fun for both of you.

Whatever you and your child do together, talk about it with your child. When you eat meals, when you go shopping, when you go walking, when you travel, talk and ask questions, such as what are you doing outside? What did you play? What else did you like in that play? Challenge your child by asking questions that need more than a "Yes" or "No" answer.

For this age group, cardboard books with simple words and big realty pictures. Alphabet, fruits, Lift-the-flap, Animals oriented pictures books they like.

## **Age 2**

Predictable book-Books with words or actions that appear over and over help your child to predict or tell what happens next. These are called "Predictable books". At this age, children love to figure out the story in a predictable book.

Two year olds prefer books about things they know, do, and enjoy. They respond enthusiastically when favorite activities, such as running, eating, and dressing, are mentioned. They like Animals and small children are the favored subjects.

Pick a story book that has repeated phrases.

When reading predictable books, ask your child what he thinks will happen. See if he points out picture clues, if he mentions specific words or phrases, or if he connects the story to something that happens in real life. These are important skills for a beginning reader to learn.

For this age group books should be quite durable with plenty of large, clearly outlined drawing. Especially the colors of the picture should be realistic. For example, goats should not be colored purple because some children may believe they really are that color.

### **Age-3**

Rhyming activities help your child to pay attention to the sounds in words. You can choose the rhyming words, word games, or songs.

Play rhyming games and sing rhyming songs with your child. Many songs and games include clapping, bouncing and tossing balls, and playing in groups.

When you read the rhyming books you can give chance to the child participate such as “Twinkle Twinkle little \_\_\_\_\_” , when you stop in the word little, wait and give the chance to your child say “Star”.

For this age group they prefer stories about familiar subjects and enjoy learning about people outside the home. Such as community helpers, police officers, post man, and garbage collectors. For this age, they want to know what these people do and why. Pictures should be realistic, simple, and clear. Small sentenced book will be appropriate.

## **Age-4**

Four year old children self-interested, they are curious about the world around them. They want to know how and why things work. At this age they like short simple sentence story books that use exaggeration. And you can ask questions about the story and what did the child like most in the story.

For this age group children are often silly and enjoy pranks in books. Looking at the pictures can help them experience the story. Books that are contain new words, and explain the why's and how's.

At this age they are pretend to read the book, this is good indication that they are become a good reader.

## **Age 5**

In this age they can retell the story, so you can read a short story books and ask them to retell the story, it increase their concentration power on listening. They mostly like stories that give them added knowledge. They will frequently memorize favorite stories word to word. They prefer stories that take them beyond here and now. These children want new information and relationships along with familiar facts.

You can choose the book small size picture with 3 or 4 lines of words in the page. Read the story and ask them to retell the story, or encourage making their own story also.

Moreover children of this age will clearly tell you their likes and dislikes. Some of them start read their own.

## Parents Are the First Best Reading Coach

Reading for your child is “the more you practice the more you get. You can help your child become a good successful reader by reading aloud to them on a regular basis.

Reading aloud is a wonderful way to spend enjoyable time with your child. It helps build their vocabulary, stretches their imagination and get the reading habit which leads them for fantastic life in future.

Parents are the role model for your child, so read books, magazines and newspaper every day.

Set a special time everyday to read a book. Make sure that time is enjoyable for both parent and child. Have your child to read aloud to you, Take books wherever you go in the car, train, and bus. And encourage them to read a signs on the road, boards, banners and etc.

Set the reading goal with your child, encourage and reward them when they reach that goal. Create family library shelf or room; collect the books magazines that relate to your family interests and hobbies.

If parent do all these and creates the environments that invite the children to get interest to read, it will make your child become a good reader in future that gives children read their own school and college subject without the parent’s forcing.

As a parent we, couldn’t push our children to read the books for their entire life, so if we create the habit of reading, then they will take care of themselves.

“Best Luck For All the Parents, to make your children become a good reader”.