



General hints and tips for sharing books with children

1. Books are for sharing

It doesn't matter how much a child can read – read the story to them, or take turns reading.

Encourage them to name things in the pictures and talk about what might happen next.

2. Books can help children cope with their feelings

Talk about the characters in the story and how they might feel.

Talking about characters' feelings is a good way of helping children think and talk about their own feelings.

3. More reading means more chatting!

The more you read with a child, the more language skills they will develop.

4. Reading is creative

Sometimes children can get distracted or lose interest in a book, but don't worry – have fun drawing pictures or playing games inspired by the story instead.

Let their imaginations run wild!

5. Reading is fun!

It doesn't matter how you read with a child, as long as you are both enjoying it!