

Kids are never too old for read-aloud time!



Reading aloud is a great way to boost your child's vocabulary, listening skills and problem-solving skills. And long after children have learned how to read, they still benefit from read-aloud time.

To keep it fun as your child gets older:

- **Select books you'll both enjoy.** There's nothing worse than finding yourself with 100 pages to go in a book you can't stand. Ask the librarian for titles of chapter books with plenty of plot twists and interesting characters.
- **Select some books** that are a little too hard for your child to read on her own. Exposing her to these books is a great way to increase her vocabulary.
- **Set the stage each day.** Ask your child to summarize what you read yesterday. Together, imagine what might happen next.



- **Take turns reading.** If your child wants to read, you might alternate paragraphs, pages or chapters. Help her sound out words she doesn't know.
- **Talk about what you read.** Ask your child questions. Has she ever faced a situation like the one in the book? Does she know anyone like the main character?
- **Close the book at an exciting point** so you'll both want to read again tomorrow!