

A Reader's Journey!



A developing reader's journey begins at birth when babies imitate our speech, play with sounds and sit on our lap to enjoy books with simple pictures. Children move through predictable age-related milestones which include increasing the number of words they are able to understand and use, rhyming, matching letters with sounds and making predictions.

With repetition, practice, and support, your child's journey to becoming a reader will be an adventure!

How can you support children's language and reading?

- Develop a habit of talking and reading from birth to build your child's knowledge.
- Sing songs and play games.
- Re-read favourite books.
- Listen to your child tell stories.
- Develop a reading routine before bed.
- Go to the library to find books together.
- Point to pictures and words as you read.
- Have fiction and non-fiction books available.
- **Limit screen time to encourage reading.**



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