

Reading tips for sharing 'real' books

It is likely that some of the books your child will bring home from our 'real' book collection may be trickier than their scheme book. Below are some questions and suggestions for things to do when sharing the book.

-  Read the book through to your child using expression – get them to suggest what voices the characters might have.
-  Read alternate pages.
-  Read the book but allow the child to sound out decodable/key words.
-  Play a game – look through the book for key words the child might/should know; how many times can we find 'the' or 'said'?
-  What other words has the author used instead of 'said' or 'good'?
-  Discuss what your favourite word in the book was.
-  Discuss what your favourite part/character is and why.
-  Is this book like any other books or stories we know? Are any of the characters similar to other characters from other stories?
-  Discuss the illustration – do you like it? What do you think the illustrator used – paint, pen or pencil?

