



Reading Aloud – how to help your child read with more confidence



When listening to your child reading aloud, you don't have to correct every single error, but be aware that getting them to notice their own errors has a direct impact on reading and writing gradually becoming more fluent as it learns the correct patterns of spelling and punctuation.

Comprehension - Ask them comprehension questions about the text too, to check that they actually understand what they are reading – one question a page is usually enough.

Projection – are they reading confidently and loudly enough to be heard clearly? Look at how they are sitting – and how they hold the book – do they look comfortable? Do they need to adjust their position to make it easier to read? Make sure you sit beside your child so that you can also see the text easily and read what they are reading

Clarity – how accurately do they read the words? Do they say all the words or so they miss some, add in extra words, miss out endings or mispronounce unfamiliar words? Do they need to slow down a little to facilitate the sense of the text?

Fluency – how easily do they read and how much they hesitate? Do they show understanding of the punctuation marks? Can they attempt unfamiliar words? Do they need a little time to de-code the word (break it down)? Do they make similar mistakes with particular spelling patterns, such as “hoping” and “hopping”? Do they sometimes miss out lines and jump down to the next line?

Intonation – how well do they understand what they are reading? Do they read in a way that conveys the meaning of the words? E.g. do their voices rise to indicate a question mark?

Reading itself – ask them if they need a ruler to help them read– should it be right under the line or two lines under to help the fluency?