



Corner book marks

What to do with this activity?

There are lots of ways to encourage a child to enjoy books. The very best thing is to cuddle up and read a book aloud with your child. Share a story book, perhaps at bedtime. Talk about the book, and listen to your child's questions and comments. You can borrow books from your local library for free - there are lots of books to choose from for every age group. Ask the librarian to help if the choice is overwhelming.

Another way to enjoy the experience of reading a book is to make a unique corner book mark to mark the page you have reached. Here are two videos to show you how to make corner book marks.

Watch a video by [RedTedArt](#) and learn how to make a monster bookmark

Why am I doing this?

The written word is everywhere and by pointing out words around you everyday, your child will realise the usefulness of reading and how it brings information and knowledge of the wider world into your lives. Reading together shows your child that you think reading is important. It helps your child to link the words on the page to how they are spoken and to begin to recognise words.

How can I do more?

Encourage your child to read by giving them books or information about what they are interested in, for example, if they are interested in cars, give them books about cars – it's a great motivator. Use comics, magazines and newspapers to provide lots of new words and facts. Your child can use the pictures for information about the words they are reading. Read longer books to your child. This will help with memory.

You could do 'paired reading' – your child chooses a book or comic to read.

- At first, both of you read aloud together. When the child is ready, they carry on reading alone.
- If they don't know a word, you say it for them and both of you continue to read together until they are ready to read alone again.
- No pressure is made to get them to read by themselves. They only do it when they are ready. This is useful with older children when they find text books difficult.

Your child might like to practise their reading skills by reading to younger children.

Discuss with your child's teacher if they are having difficulty reading.