

# Practice Reading Out Loud Bookmark



## Practice Reading Out Loud: Alternated Reading Bookmark

Reading out loud while getting help from a more proficient reader will build your child's confidence, help your child become a more accurate and faster reader, and help your child understand what is being read.

**Alternated reading** is when you and your child take turns reading. Encourage your child to read at the same pace that we talk. Follow these steps:

1. Share a book or use two copies of the same book.
2. Read a paragraph, page, or chapter out loud from the book.
3. Have your child continue reading, picking up where you left off. Your child reads a paragraph, page, or chapter. Ask your child to follow words with finger while reading.
4. Repeat Steps 2 and 3.

## Practice Reading Out Loud: Reading Together Bookmark

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**Reading together** is when you and your child read the same thing at the same time. Your child can point to the words. Read with expression—change your voice to match the characters' feelings and follow punctuation (question marks, periods, commas).

- Sit together to share a book.
- Read the book out loud at the same time.
- Tell your child how much you love to read together and how proud of him or her you are for practicing reading.

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## How's My Reading Sound?

Record your child reading a couple of paragraphs or one page. Text that includes a conversation is helpful, but not necessary, for this activity. Have your child listen to the recording and answer these questions:

- Did my reading sound smooth?
- Did I read at the same pace I talk?
- Did I read with expression?



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## Books to Share

### Suggested Books to Practice Reading Out Loud

Use the information on the bookmark for Alternated Reading, Reading Together, and How's My Reading Sound?

*Where the Sidewalk Ends (poems)* by Shel Silverstein    *Punctuation Celebration* by Elsa Knight Bruno  
*You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Fables to*    *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!* by Mo Willems  
*Read Together* by Mary Ann Hoberman