

# When I Read to You, When You Read to Me Bookmark



## When I Read to You

Reading to your child can be a special time to spend together. Here are tips for reading out loud to a child:

- Read to your child every day.
- Read about things your child is interested in and enjoys.
- Read at the same pace that you talk.
- Read with expression. Give different characters different voices. Change your voice to match how the character in the book feels.
- Reread books your child enjoys.
- Explain some words that your child may not understand.
- Read different types of things like poems, books that tell a story, and informational books (for example, factual books about volcanoes, weather, or animals).
- Read books that are too difficult for your child to read on his/her own.

## When You Read to Me

Listening to your child read out loud can help him/her read words correctly and quickly. Here are tips for when your child reads out loud to you:

Select books that are

- Interesting to your child.
  - Not too easy or too hard.
  - Linked to your child's experiences or concerns.
  - Recommended by your child's teacher.
- Have your child point to the words while reading.
- When a mistake is made, reread the sentence with the mistake and ask, "Does that make sense?"
- When your child cannot read a word, use these tips in this order until he/she reads the word:
  - Say each sound in this word and then put the sounds together.
  - What is the first sound? Next sound? Next sound? Can you put the sounds together to read the word?
  - Let's say each sound together and then read the word.
  - I'll say each sound in the word and then read it. Then you try.
  - This word is \_\_\_\_\_. What is this word? Read this sentence again.

