

# Remember...

Reading at home doesn't have to mean reading a book.

It can be -



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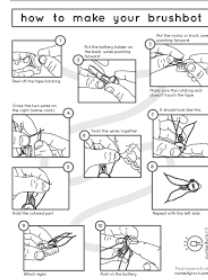
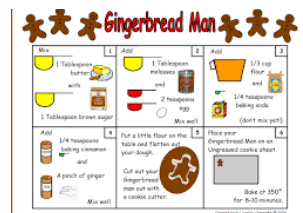
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Record all reading (not just books) in your child's Reading Record. By reading lots of different text types, your child will see a purpose to reading.



# Reading Together at Home



Finding time to read with your child can sometimes be a challenge

However, reading with your child at home will improve their reading ability and allow them to practise phonics and other reading strategies that they have been taught in school.

Here are a few ways to make it manageable and successful:

### ☺ **Keep it short.**

Ten minutes a day is sufficient.

### ☺ **Make some quiet time.**

Turn off the TV, computer, radio and put mobile phones aside.



You could even make a simple cosy reading den with blankets and cushions.



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### ☺ **Sit close together.**

Encourage your child to hold the book and turn the pages for themselves.



### ☺ **Use the pictures.**

Talk about the pictures and use them as clues for the story. Relate events to things you may have experienced together.

### ☺ **Encourage understanding.**

Ask questions, find out together, retell main events, think about the characters.



### ☺ **Use expression.**

Use different voices for characters, read loudly when the print is **BOLD**, notice punctuation and talk to your child about this.

### ☺ **Enjoy it!**

Chances are if you enjoy reading then your child will too.

