

Don't forget...

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

It can be -



shopping list



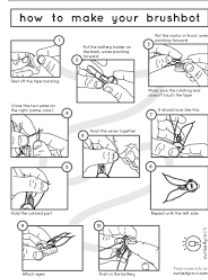
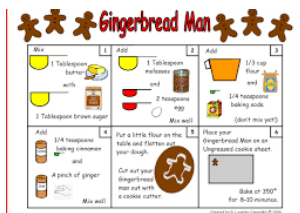
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instructions

Record all reading in your child's diary (not just books). By reading lots of different things your child will see a purpose to being able to read.



Reading Together at Home



Finding time to read with your child can be something that we worrying about fitting in to our busy daily lives.

However, reading with your child at home will improve their reading ability and allow them to practise the things that they are being taught in school.

Here are a few ways to hopefully make it more manageable and make the most of the time you have together:

😊 **Keep it short -**

5-10 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

😊 **Sit close together-**

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



😊 **Use the pictures -**

Talk together 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.

