

Top Ten Tips for Sharing Books with your Child



- 1** *Time together - Take time in your child's day to share books and have fun.*
- 2** *No app can replace a lap!*
- 3** *Anytime, anywhere!*
- 4** *What a lovely way to finish the day. Sharing books and chatting is a relaxing way to get ready for bedtime and sleep.*
- 5** *There is no right way to share a book; look at the pictures, use silly voices, read the same page over and over.*
- 6** *'Again, again please!' Children love to share the same story again and again; this helps them to make the connection between words and pictures.*
- 7** *What's there to share? Stories; information books; comics; magazines, catalogues, feely books; sound books; books without words; photo albums; words in the environment; books about favourite television and film characters.*
- 8** *Let your child take the lead and you follow their interests.*
- 9** *Focus attention, remove distractions. Switch off televisions, tablets and telephones.*
- 10** *Where possible, use comfy and quiet spaces.*

Tiny Happy People

www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people

Hungry Little Minds

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk>

National Literacy Trust

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/early-years>

Resources and tools for early language development and parental engagement

BookTrust - Inspire a love of reading

www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips

Downloadable booklets about reading with your child: 0-12 months, 3-4 and 4-6 years

www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/bath-book-bed/better-sleep

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