

Choosing books with children



✓ **Choose books together.**

Look for authors and subjects that children like. Show them how to look in the book as well as at the cover.



✓ **Choose books with clear and bright pictures.**

These help children follow the story even if they can't read the words. Look for lift-the flap and pop-up books which give children something to touch and do.



✓ **Look for books with rhyming words and short repeated sentences.**

These are easy for young children to read along with. Fairy tales are great for this.



✓ **Be prepared to read books over and over again.**

This can be boring for adults – but is great for early readers.



✓ **Let your child set the pace.**

Don't try to move children on to harder or 'older' books before they are ready. If there are five or more words on a page that your child finds hard, the book may be too difficult.