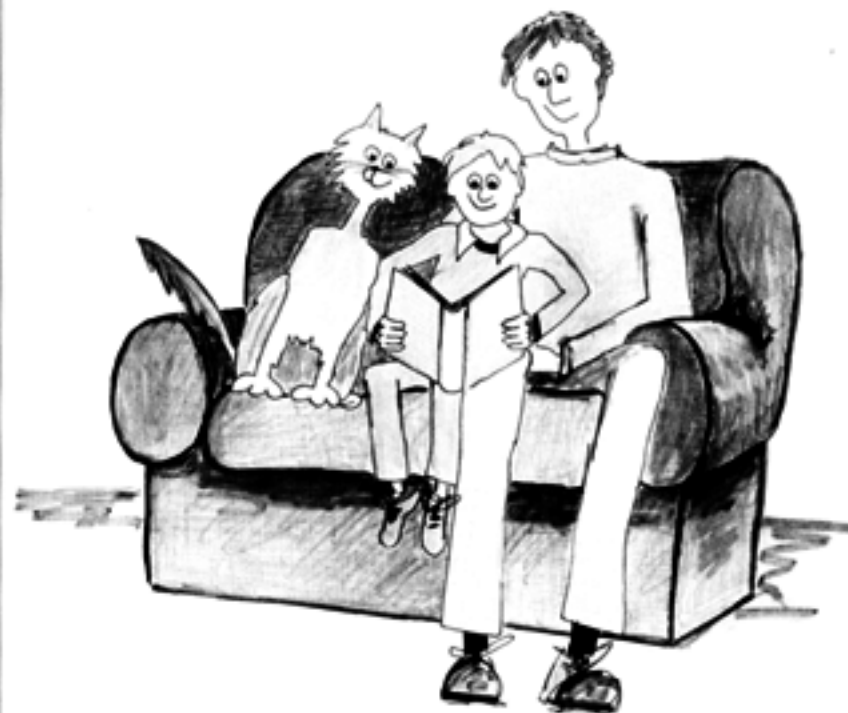


## REMEMBER!

- *Talk about the book.*
- *Share the reading.*
- *Keep it short.*
- *Choose a sensible time.*
- *Re-read.*
- **PRAISE PRAISE PRAISE!**

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# ENJOYING READING WITH YOUR CHILD

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## Why do some children not enjoy reading?

When children find reading difficult they may not enjoy reading to you. This can become stressful for both you and your child and it can prevent your child from wanting to read at home.

## How can you help?

Here are some tips on how to make reading more enjoyable for you and your child:

- Choose a time to suit you both. Just before a favourite TV programme is never ideal!
- Try to read with your child regularly, but be realistic! Three times a week can be enough to make a difference.
- Decide with your child how long you are going to spend reading. Five minutes might be quite enough for both of you!
- Before reading a book, spend some time looking through it and talking together about the pictures.
- Share the reading with your child. You could start off, then take in turns reading a page each.
- Try not to be critical. No child makes mistakes on purpose. PRAISE encourages your child to try their best.
- If there's enough time, let the child re-read the book. This second reading gives them a chance to read more confidently.