



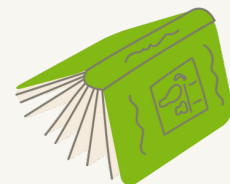
10 Tips for Reading Over the Summer

Simple ideas for busy families

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Just 10 minutes a day

Short, regular bursts of reading are easier to fit into busy days. Ten minutes is all it takes to build a habit that lasts.



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Let them choose

Comics, football programmes, recipes, joke books and graphic novels all count – if they enjoy it, it's good reading.

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Be their reading role model

Let your child see you reading and chat about what you're both enjoying. Children copy what the adults around them do.

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Build it into your routine

Link reading to something you already do: after breakfast, before screen time, or as part of the bedtime wind-down.



5

Talk about stories

Ask simple questions like “What was your favourite bit?” or “What do you think will happen next?”. Talking about books boosts understanding and vocabulary.

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Read together – at any age

Take turns reading pages, share a story out loud, or listen to an audiobook in the car. Even confident readers enjoy time sharing books with an adult.

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Make it fun and social

Try a simple reading bingo, a summer challenge, or a mini “book club” with friends and cousins. Many local libraries also run free Summer Reading Challenges.

8

Take books everywhere

Pop a book or magazine in your bag for journeys, appointments or park trips. Signs, menus, maps and leaflets are great real-world reading too.



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Create a cosy reading spot

A cushion corner, blanket den or favourite chair turns reading into a treat. Let your child help set it up.

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Celebrate every bit of reading

Sticker charts and reading logs show progress. Praise effort, not just finished books.

