



Reading aloud to your child

5 good reasons to read aloud

1. Reading aloud to your children helps to develop the bond between a parent and child.
2. When you read aloud to children and they enjoy the story, they see reading as a satisfying activity and this helps to motivate them to read for themselves.
3. Reading aloud to young children shows them how we read and how books work. This knowledge makes it much easier for them to learn to read later on.
4. Children are able to understand and enjoy stories that are beyond their own reading ability when they hear them read aloud.
5. Hearing new words used in a story develops children's vocabulary and gives them a rich language to draw from when they write their own stories.

Nalibali's top 5 reading-aloud tips

1. Choose books to read that you enjoy, but also ones that match your children's changing interests.
2. Reading aloud is always a performance! Put lots of expression in your voice to create the mood!
3. Start by reading the name of the author (and illustrator) so that children appreciate that books are created by people just like them!
4. When you read a picture book, allow time for children to look at the pictures and comment, if they want to.
5. Books with rhyme, rhythm and repetition make good read-aloud books for young children and can help you introduce a new language. As they get to know the story, encourage children to join in as you read.

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