

Tips for hearing your EYFS or KS1 child read:

- Try to pick a time when you are not rushed.
- Try to choose a quiet place where you won't be disturbed and there is no background noise e.g. television.
- If you have time, talk about the title and front cover and what you and your child know about it e.g. a park, football, etc.
- Get your child to practise the focus sound/s of the book and the "tricky" words by doing some of the activities on the inside front cover.
- Remember that your child will have already read the book to an adult in school so this is their chance to practise and show off to you!
- Be as positive and encouraging as you can be.
- Try not to jump in when your child is stuck but wait a few seconds and see if they can solve it themselves.
- If they are stuck, encourage them to try to sound it out the way they do at school:
 - they might use "robot arms" to sound it out
 - they might break a longer word up into parts or syllables
 - they might cover parts of the word to reveal each sound at a time or point their finger underneath
- If your child is still finding it hard, give them the sound or word and then get them to say it back to you.
- Encourage your child to pause at full stops and if they don't, stop them and model this.
- Check they understand any challenging or new words – see if they can then use it in their own sentence.
- Ask some questions as you go (use our sheet of example ones).
- Write a brief comment in their reading record (see out sheet of example ones).
- Aim to spend about 10 minutes but do stop earlier if your child doesn't seem to be in the right mood.

