

## HOW CAN I GET MY CHILD TO READ MORE BOOKS AT HOME?

Find books about his or her interests because these will be appealing. Where do you get these books?

- Borrow from your local library. Your child may not be able to read the whole book but may be able to read some sections, and the photos, illustrations and diagrams can be interesting to talk about. You could read some parts of the book to your child.
- Borrow from family and friends.
- Buy from second-hand bookshops.
- Buy from council libraries when they have their annual sales.
- Buy from garage sales and fêtes.
- Buy from bookshop sale tables.
- Buy from publishers' book clubs.
- Give a book/magazine subscription as a gift.
- Go online. There are many websites where you can download free e-books or buy them at cheap prices.
- Find your child's favourite authors online so they can read about current and upcoming titles.
- Have your child write book reviews for children's online book clubs.
- Encourage your child to read the book of an enjoyed movie.



Remember, too, that while your child may be reluctant to read regular books, he or she may read many other types of texts, for example, magazines, e-books and webpages. This is still 'reading'.

Think about what *you* read for work, leisure and family obligations. Use these to broaden your child's reading experiences and provide opportunities to read, talk, enjoy and learn.

- websites
- text messages
- emails
- apps
- newspapers
- magazines
- advertisements
- signs
- school notices
- newsletters
- recipes
- ingredients on food packages
- menus
- instruction manuals
- forms
- maps
- programs
- catalogues
- order forms
- medicinal instructions.
- What else?

