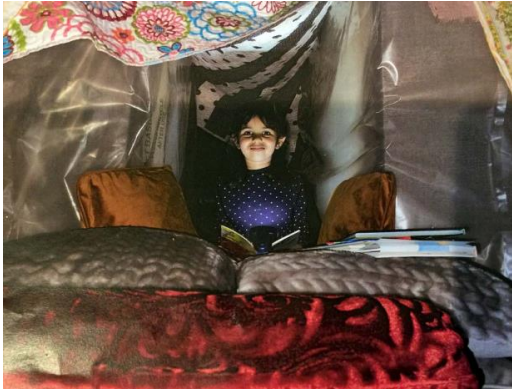


How can I help my child with reading independently?



Making it easier for children to pick their own books is key to helping them love reading on their own. When children get to choose their reading, they're more excited about diving into books. Here are some tips to help you guide your child in finding books that really capture their interest.

Create a Book-Friendly Space:

- Variety is key: Make sure you have lots of different books at home. Include all sorts of stories, facts books, poems, comic books, and even magazines.
- Library adventures: Regularly visit the local library together. It's a great way for children to find new books and topics they're interested in.

Talk About Books:

- Chat about interests: Talk with your child about what they like or what they're curious about. These chats can help you suggest books they might enjoy.
- Share your own favourites: Tell them about the books you loved when you were their age or books you think they'd like. Sharing why you loved these books might spark their interest.



Encourage Them to Try New Things:

- It's okay to stretch: Encourage your child to check out books even if they seem a bit hard or different from what they usually read. It's all about exploring.

- No pressure: Make sure they know it's fine if they don't finish a book they don't like. Reading should be fun, not a task.

Teach Them How to Choose:

- Picking a book: Show your child how to quickly look over a book to see if it grabs their attention. Checking the cover, reading the back, and flipping through to read a bit can help them decide.



Look for Ideas Together:

- Find recommendations: Check out book lists and reviews online. There are lots of sites and blogs focused on children's books for all sorts of readers.
- Ask the experts: Librarians and teachers are great at recommending books. They know what books other kids have loved and what might be exciting for your child.

Celebrate Their Choices:

- Show your support: Be enthusiastic about the books they pick. Ask them what they're enjoying about their book.
- Set aside reading time: Have a special time when everyone in the family reads. It shows reading is important and enjoyable for everyone.



Be a Reading Role Model: Show your enthusiasm for reading. Share what you're reading and discuss your thoughts.



Visit the Library:
Regular trips to the library can inspire excitement about reading and provide access to a wider range of books.



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How to Raise a Reader



- 1** Start a reading habit early.
- 2** Read every day.
- 3** Keep books all around your home.
- 4** Visit the library or bookstore on a regular basis.
- 5** Let your children choose their own books.

