

# Helpful hints - for you and your child

## Getting started

Can hold the book appropriately	Knows that print 'tells the story'	Recognises and responds to terms- title/page/word/ letter/cover/ character/beginning/ middle/end of story/author	Knows that print is written and read from left to right	Begins to follow the text with a finger, left/right, top/bottom	Recognises some significant words on sight including own name
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## Comprehension

Can predict events in the story	Can discuss character motives and causes of events in stories	Can identify where the story starts	Expects the written text to make sense	Makes simple references about the text
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## Getting there

Can read aloud with appropriate expression and intonation.	Recognises and responds to sentence/line	Self corrects some errors	Uses context, making sense, grammar, phonetics and initial sounds	Follows text with finger accurately	Knows a sentence begins with a capital letter and ends with a full stop	Recognises and responds to speech marks, exclamation marks, commas	Recognises a variety of uses for capital letters
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## Comprehension

Predicts contents of story in greater detail	Gives reasons for opinions about the text, and relates it to their own experience	Makes links with other stories on a similar theme/by same author	Retells parts of the story and discusses key events	Identifies and compares the setting of stories	Notices features of the language in the text - traditional beginnings etc
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## Reading for pleasure

Makes use of spellings conventions when reading	Corrects own mistakes accurately	Uses a wide range of word attack strategies (phonetic, grammatical, contextual and visual)	Uses spelling patterns to decode words, eg 'ight' 'ough' etc	Recognises and uses common prefixes and suffixes	Recognises and responds to punctuation including paragraphs.
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## Comprehension

Identifies the theme of the book	Makes inferences about the characters and texts based on experience	Can recall details of plot structure in sequence	Can discuss own likes and dislikes in some detail	Can retell the key elements of the story	Can discuss character actions and motivations in detail	Can identify the narrator in a story
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