

**Read Aloud 15mins**  
**Every Child Every Parent Every Day**  
**For early years**

**Create a space**

A cosy corner, piled with blankets, cushions, and old sheets maybe draped over the table, make it exciting. Keep this routine helps children get ready for bed.

**Bring the characters to life.**

Put on a funny voice (this is good for role modelling). There are so many wild and great characters to introduce to them, lots of adventures to be told. Use a big voice or squeaky voice, use your expressions - whisper or a loud voice, watch their faces!

**Make up your own story**

Make up story - taking turns with the children, this will promote creative thinking, they can use families' names, friends, pets and favourite toys, you can make it up as long or short as you like and continue it tomorrow.

Children can also make up a story by cutting out pictures from magazines and sticking them down to create a story.

A great way to make up a story together.

**Anytime - any place!**

Stories are not only for bed, a book before bed is a nice way to relax and unwind.

Taking 15mins Read Aloud time from breakfast to bedtime makes a real difference.

So anytime is always time to enjoy sharing stories together.

**Reading together.**

Always remember the most important thing your child loves being with you. It doesn't need to be a big long story for young children, simply curl up with a book you both enjoy for a few pages making time for reading with the little ones in your life creates memories and treasured times forever.

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