

Learning new words as you read

Helping your child learn the meaning of new words

Enjoying books is a good first step in learning to read.

To become good readers, children need to know letters and sounds but they also need to know what the words mean.

You can help your child to learn new words by using this bookmark and talking about new words as you read with your child.

Remember:

- Have fun with words.
- It is about talking as much as reading.
- When talking about words, use comments rather than questions.

Word Aware New Words

These ideas can be used when you are reading and talking about books with your child.



Before you read the book, say, 'Let's look out for new words that you've never heard before.'



Once in a while, stop and ask, 'Did you hear any new words?'



If your child says 'Yes', talk about that word's meaning.

If your child says 'No', identify a word you think might be tricky. Talk about what the word means.

