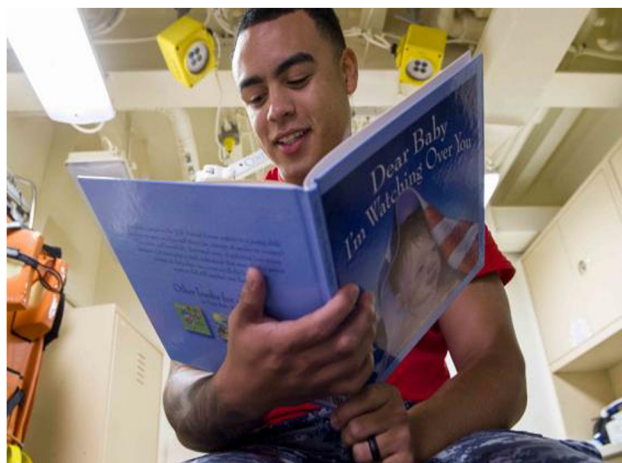


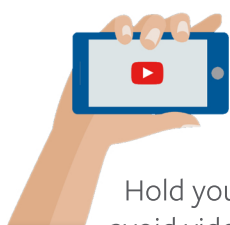
United Through Reading App Best Practices

Here are some ways to improve the quality of your video recording.



Good Lighting is Critical

Try as much as possible to shoot your video in brightly lit areas. Conversely, you also must be careful not to point the camera directly at bright light sources, which will cause unusable overexposed footage and lens flaring. Lighting should be stable and steady;



Orientation and Composition

Hold your phone or tablet horizontally to avoid video with black bars on the sides.

Don't forget! Hold the book toward the camera while you read, to help your child follow along and see the pictures.

Keep It Steady

Use a tripod or stabilizer when available. If not rest your phone or tablet on other physical supports like tables, chairs, desks, shelves, etc.

Don't Forget About Audio

For best quality, make sure your device's microphone is always pointed toward the person speaking and 6–10 inches from their mouth.



Remember! Your microphone is located at the bottom of your device, where you talk into your phone.

Adding an external microphone is an easy and relatively inexpensive way to improve the sound quality of your read-aloud session. Made for both Android and Apple devices, microphones can be found at most electronics stores and online.

Find the Right Space

Use rooms that are well lit and have:

- Carpeted floors
- Drop ceilings
- Irregular shapes
- Full bookcases

Avoid using rooms that are large and have:

- Uncovered or tiled floors
- High ceilings
- Square shapes
- Bare walls
- Big windows without curtains
- Noisy appliances or audible background noise