

READY! SET! READ!

Ready!

Choose a book. Review books for age and topic appropriateness.



Ages 0-3

Choose a book containing simple pictures and rhyming and repetitive text. Children this age love animals (Think *Brown Bear, Brown Bear*).

Ages 4-6

Children ages 4-6 are beginning to learn to read by themselves and gravitate towards books with bright pictures and interesting story lines. In many cases, the sillier the better. Choose a book that will appeal to the child's imagination.

Ages 7-18

Choose a book that taps into the child's interests. Children this age are discovering their individuality and developing a sense of empowerment. Find a chapter book with a strong, positive character with whom the child may identify.

Set!

Read the book out loud to familiarize yourself with the story and practice how you will create an interactive and fun experience.

Prepare introductory remarks. Greet the child by name and state the book's title and author.

Prepare closing remarks. A special message will leave the child with a renewed sense of security and well-being.

Read!

Look at the camera as if it is the child you are reading to. Smile and use facial expressions! Turn the book toward the camera while you are reading, so the child can see the illustrations.

Ask questions (e.g. "What do you think is going to happen next?") and relate comments from the book to keep the child interested and engaged.

Change your voice. Make sounds to enhance the story and stimulate imagination. Try reading each character with a unique voice. Remember, even if you feel silly or camera-shy, you are sharing a private moment with the child and they will love it and appreciate your effort.

Remember—the children in your life are just happy to have you 'home' reading to them as they head to bed or take a break during their daily activities. Enjoy, relax, and don't worry about making mistakes!



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