

## Early Reading Series: (1) "Get Ready to Read!"

### The Basics

- Listen to a story and retell teeny bits of it
- Help your child recognise their own name
- Recognise the letters of their name
- Pick out patterns in the pictures of story books
- Play eye-spy with the pictures in the picture-books
- Match some repeated words in simple books



### Don't worry if...

... your child asks questions about how reading works - it just means they find the process interesting

... your child seems to be memorising rather than reading - memory is a key skill for reading so don't cover up those pictures!

... most children won't be able to read until they can concentrate for at least 5 minutes

### Top Tips!

Discuss the title and the front cover - make predictions about the story

Try not to stop on the first read through - stick with the story

Make the experience comfortable and welcoming

Reread the story and ask questions based on the content - e.g. "How do you think she felt here?"

Play eye-spy with the pictures

Always ask: "What was your favourite bit?"