



Early Reading Series: (3) "Becoming a reader!"

The Basics

- Read words and sentences containing less common letters, as well as sh, ch, th.
- Recognise 10-20 common tricky words by sight (was, you, they etc)
- Recognise all the letter sounds at the beginning and end of words
- Begin to show expression when re-reading books



Play games like...

- ... imagine what might happen after the story ends. Create a new story!
- ...eye-spy but with phonic sounds such as ch, sh, br or cl.
- ... make up your own story for wordless story books.
- ... picking non-fiction books of interest. Explain that books have other uses than just fiction.

Top Tips!

Look at the pictures BEFORE you read ... discuss what you think the story might be about

After a read and a re-read, ask: "What happened at the beginning, middle and end?"

Begin to discuss their feelings about the story

Begin to draw your child's attention to speech marks, punctuation, sound effects and action words

Create a 'comfy-corner' that your child can go to look at books by themselves

Introduce non-fiction books