

Reading activities to try at home (K-5)

Reading together builds comprehension, vocabulary, confidence, and a love of stories. Choose one or two activities that fit your family and focus on having fun with books.

Read together

Make reading a daily family habit. Try:

- Creating a short list of interesting titles and picking one at random
- Reading aloud or taking turns reading
- Listening to an audiobook in the car
- Creating a cozy family reading space at home
- Playing Sora Reading Bingo to discover new books
- Reading a book, then trying the audiobook or read-along version
- Reading a book, then watching the movie

Talk about the story

You don't need to be a teacher to have great book conversations. A few simple questions can help your child think more deeply about what they read.

Ask questions like:

- Who was your favorite character? Why?
- What happened first, next, and last?
- What do you think will happen next?
- What was your favorite part?
- How did the book differ from the movie?

Want to take it a step further to extend learning? Practice retelling the story together, acting out favorite scenes, or drawing main characters.

Connect reading to real life

Stories become more meaningful when children connect them to their own experiences.

Ask questions like:

- Has anything like this happened to you?
- Which character do you relate to most?
- What would you have done in that situation?
- What lesson did the character learn, and what can we learn from the story?

Keep in mind

- There are no perfect answers. Listening to your child's ideas matters most.
- Let your child see you reading for enjoyment.
- All reading counts, including ebooks, audiobooks, and read-alongs.
- Even a few minutes of daily reading can make a difference. Start small and gradually increase.

Quick try-it

Read for 15 minutes. Ask one question. That's it! You're building a reader.