



Reading and talking to your child every day prepares them to learn and succeed when they start school.

Sharing a story with your child for just ten minutes a day is enough to make a difference.

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# Here are some tips to ensure that your child is ready to start school:

- ★ Share stories and sing songs with your child every day – little and often is best.
- ★ Find the children's section at your local library and ask library staff to recommend books for you and your child to share.
- ★ When you're sharing a story, ask your child questions such as: "What do you think will happen next?"
- ★ Let grandparents, brothers and sisters join in with reading too.
- ★ Practise holding a pen or pencil and drawing on paper.



Switch off the TV and put your mobile phone away when talking and sharing stories

## Want to find out more?

[Bookstart.org.uk](http://Bookstart.org.uk) includes games, stories and ideas for books to read together.

[WordsforLife.org.uk](http://WordsforLife.org.uk) features advice and activities to support your child's development.

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- Take a picture as you read with your child and share with #ReadMCR
- ★ In the evening, chat about your day and encourage your child to describe things that have happened.
  - ★ Let your child ask for things in shops and involve them in making decisions.
  - ★ Encourage your child to chat to and play with other children.
  - ★ Teach your child to recognise their name when it is written down.
  - ★ Talk to your child about what you are doing around the house and what you can see when you're out and about.



Join free storytime and activity sessions at your local library

[Manchester.gov.uk/readytolearn](http://Manchester.gov.uk/readytolearn) has lots of tips for getting your child ready for school.

## READ, ENJOY, SUCCEED

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