

## Ten top tips for getting your child to read more

1. **Give books as gifts**, not just for birthdays and Christmas, take a new story on holiday or give a book instead of an Easter egg.
2. **Subscribe to your child's favourite magazine**, or pick up on something that interests them, eg wildlife, sports, hobbies etc. Research the magazine market online together, there is an incredible range of publications out there.
3. **Use your local library on a regular basis**. Most libraries have holiday competitions to encourage reading volume and many have storytelling or author events too. Be seen to borrow (and read) books yourself.
4. **Research your child's favourite authors with them online** - many authors have their own site or pages on their publisher's site.
5. **Join a book club** such as the Puffin Club (yes, it's still going! Anyone remember Fat Puffin and Tomcat?).
6. **Encourage your child to read anything they can get their hands on** - joke books, comic books graphic novels, poetry books - it's all reading.
7. **Search for books on the internet**, there are a lot of books out there that can be read or downloaded online.
8. **Have family reading time** where everyone in the house sits together enjoying books - by the fire, in the garden, in the kitchen, on the beach...
9. **Talk about what you read as child**, unearth those old Tintin and Asterix books, hand over your well-thumbed copy of Little Women or whatever you enjoyed when you were younger. Talk about why these books were important to you and why you loved them.
10. **Get interested in what your child is reading** - you could read the same book at the same time and talk about each chapter as you progress through the book, or at the end if your children are older.