



# Getting Children to Read



Reading shapes one's personality and often determines one's success in life. It is important to encourage children to read at home and during holidays. Helping your children enjoy reading is one of the most valuable gifts you can give as parents.

## Read to Them

Children will naturally take to reading if you read loud to them from an early age. Set aside a special time every day when you share the pleasure of a story with your children. Don't stop taking this special time when they learn to read on their own – ask them to read to you.

## Talk about What You Read

Look for opportunities to talk with your children about books and other print material and share what you are reading.

## Create a Special Reading Area

Find a place in your home that is a comfortable, quiet spot for reading.

## Read Books That Last for Days

Children enjoy continuous stories, and they are eager for the next instalment. Buy them book series. Read chapter books to your children.

## Create a Home Library

Have books, magazines and newspapers around in your home. children will start to view them as part of daily life. Collect books and start a home library even if it is very small.

## Tips for Reading with Children

- ★ Read aloud to your child.
- ★ Have your child chime in on repeated phrases or sentences.
- ★ Read alternate pages of a book.
- ★ Read silently side by side.

