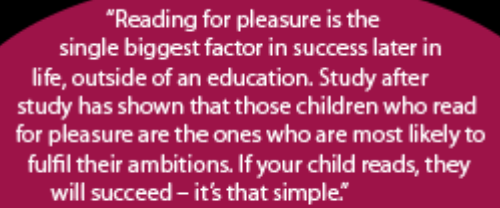


# The importance of reading with your child!

Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance.

Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. Parents are the most important educators in a child's life – even more important than their teachers – and it's never too early to start reading together.



"Reading for pleasure is the single biggest factor in success later in life, outside of an education. Study after study has shown that those children who read for pleasure are the ones who are most likely to fulfil their ambitions. If your child reads, they will succeed – it's that simple."

Bali Rai

Pearson - <https://uk.pearson.com/primary-parents/learn-at-home/help-your-child-to-enjoy-reading/why-is-reading-so-important.html>

1. **Let your child choose.** Plan a field trip to the library and let your child choose books that interest them. A librarian can help steer them in the right direction, too. Keep books readily available at home, in the car, wherever your day takes you.
2. **Read to your child.** Establish a routine for reading. Whether before bed or at snack time, reading can fit into almost any part of your daily routine.
3. **Read aloud together.** It's never too early to start reading to your little ones. For older kids, take turns reading each page of a favourite book.
4. **Talk about what you are reading.** Asking questions before, during and after the read helps your child make connections and increase reading comprehension skills.
5. **Show your child that you enjoy reading.** Be a reading model. Children often mimic parent behaviour. Let your child see you enjoying reading and soon you may have an avid reader yourself.

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