

Getting your child ready *for* reading

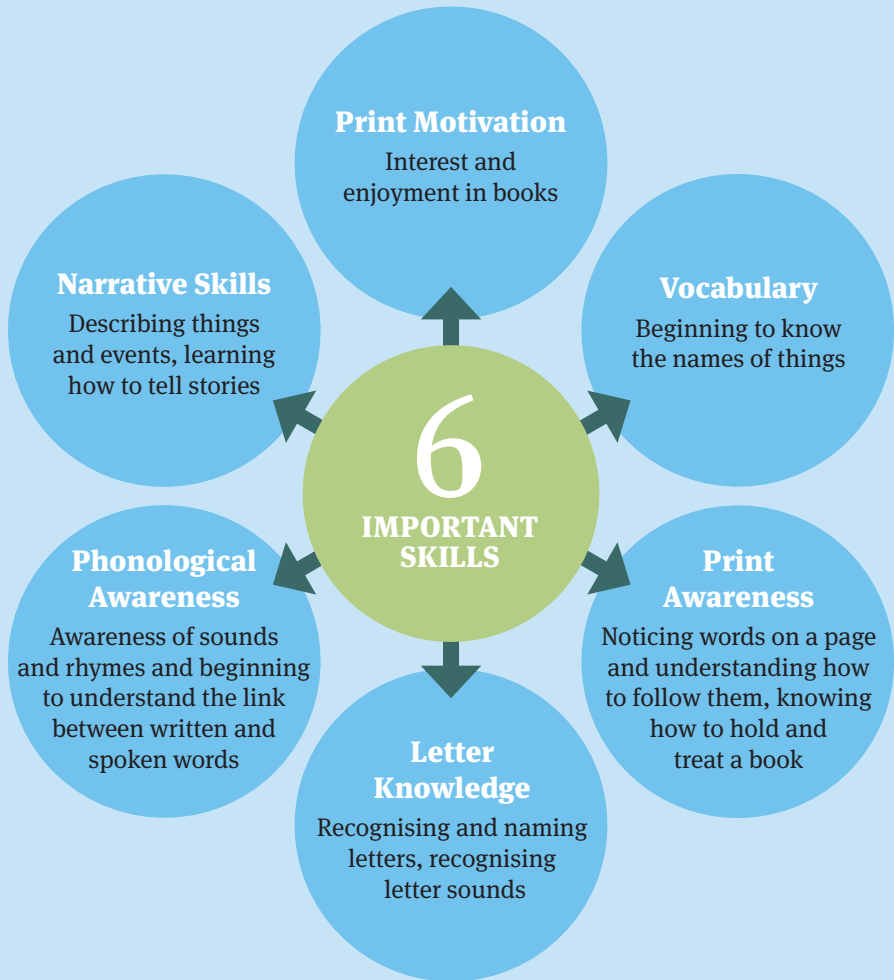


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Important Skills

There are six important skills that your child will need to learn to read. Children can begin to develop these skills from birth.



Ready for Reading Pack

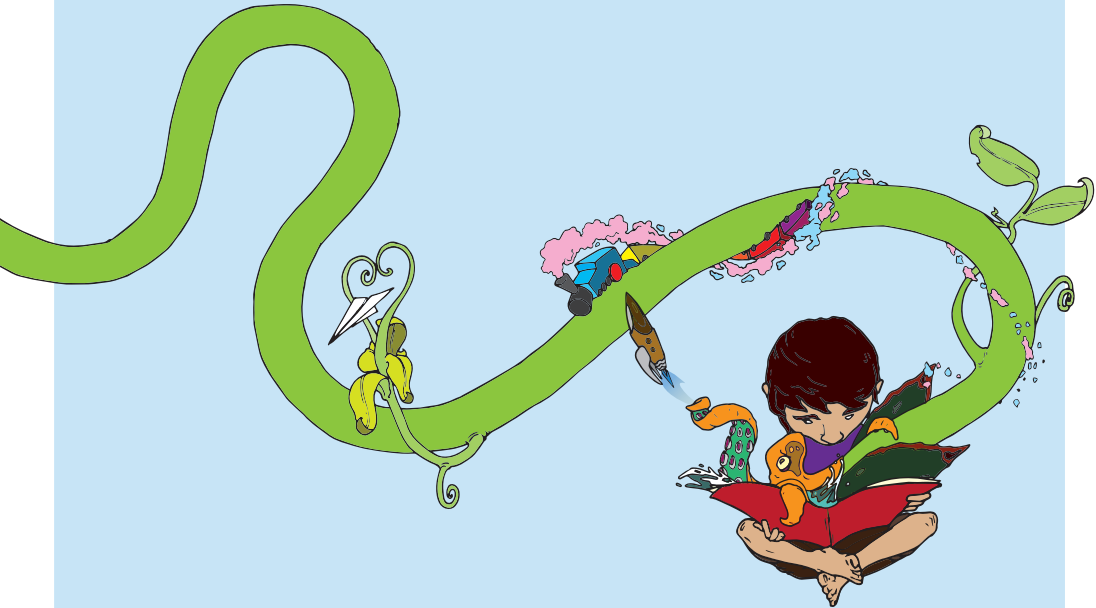
When a child turns four years old, they can come into any Christchurch City Library and pick up a free Ready for Reading pack. The pack contains a special bi-lingual, purpose written book 'StoryTime, Te Wā Kōrero', stickers and a magnet.



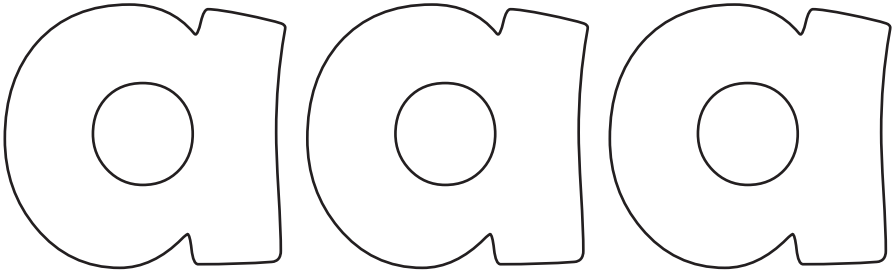
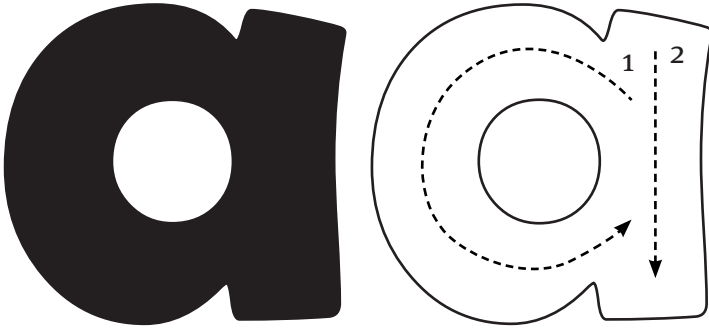
You can find out more or download the book here:
my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/ready-for-reading

Tips for sharing books

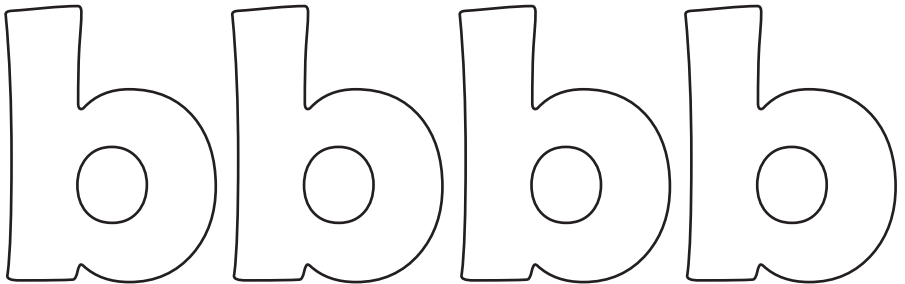
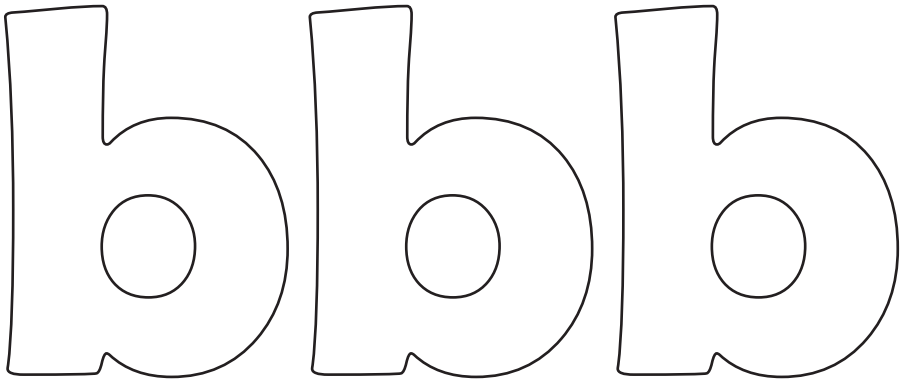
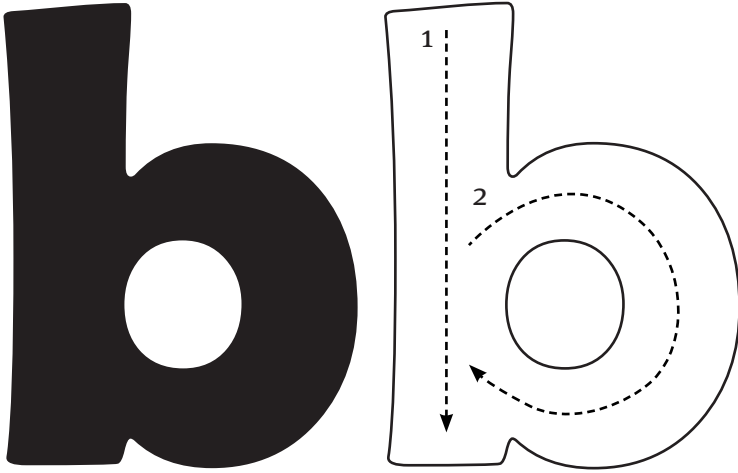
- Talk, sing or make noises with the pictures
- Let the child turn the page
- Show the front of the book
- Create voices with the characters
- Use child's name or other, for the characters
- Ask questions about the pictures and story
- Make your own books
- Make it a regular time



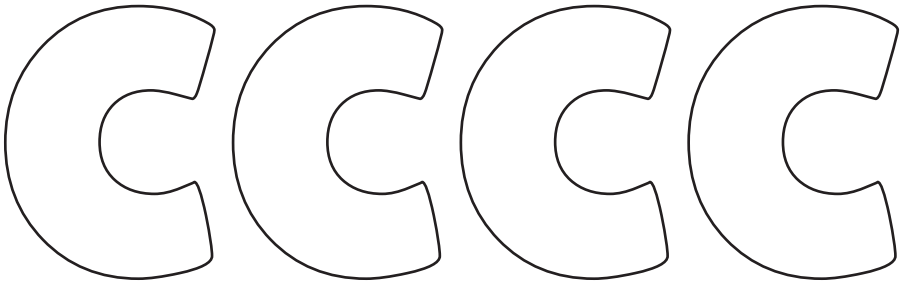
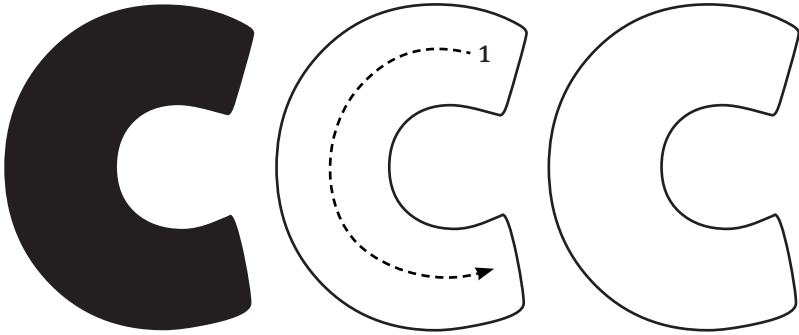
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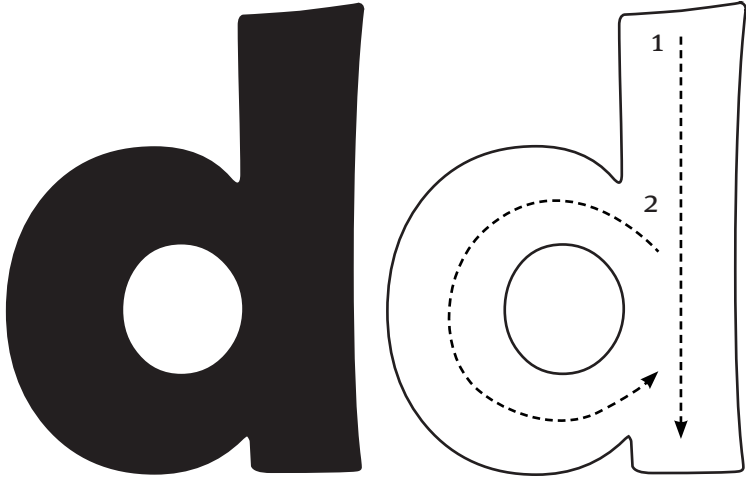
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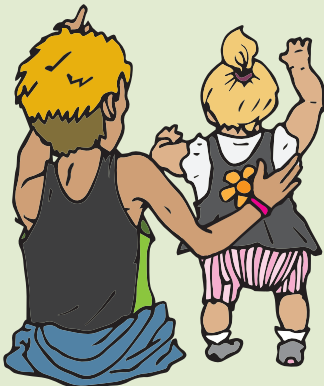
How to read to children

What you need:

- Children's books
- Time
- Enthusiasm

General guidelines

- Position yourself so both you and the children are comfortable
- Allow your listeners, especially younger children, a few minutes to settle down and get ready to hear the story
- Mood is an important factor in listening. Create anticipation
- Use plenty of expression and change your tone of voice to fit the dialogue
- Adjust your pace to fit the story. During a suspenseful part, slow down, draw your words out and bring your listeners to the edge of their seats!
- Be enthusiastic. Read stories that you enjoy yourself – your dislike will show if you read books that you don't like.



Why create readers?

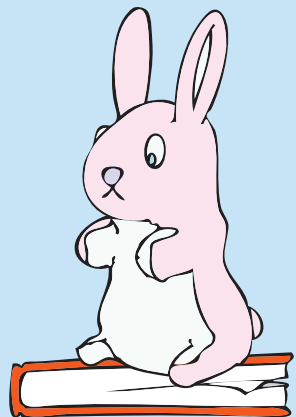
- Readers are better writers
- Readers get better jobs
- Exposure to early reading experiences can increase IQ
- Good readers acquire second languages more easily

What makes a good reader?

- Reading aloud to a child from birth
- Modelling reading daily
- Exposing them to books and stories

How to help children love what they read

- Set an example – read what you love and love what you read
- Slow down and find the time
- Read aloud
- Have books in lots of places
- Don't turn it into a vocabulary lesson
- Read a variety of books
- Go to the library and discover...



Find the matching picture

parakuihi
breakfast



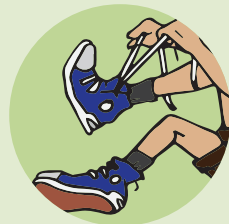
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Learning Parties

What is a learning party?

Christchurch City Libraries Learning Parties are designed to complement our Ready for Reading packs. These are available to all children who live in Christchurch city, once they turn four years old. Whether you are a parent, an early childhood group or centre, we can arrange for our friendly Outreach Librarian to host a learning party at your home or premises.

Who are they for?

We will present stories and Ready for Reading packs to the children and teach you how to play entertaining games together that encourage early literacy skills - with balloons, stickers and stamps thrown in for extra fun! We have also found that attending or hosting a learning party is a valuable opportunity to help four-year old children get ready for school.

For enquiries, please ring 941 7923 or email library@ccc.govt.nz

my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/learning-parties/

This is currently a free service.

How do I book one?