



Helping Your Child

- to read, write, spell and speak

Why it is good to help your child at home

Helping your child to read and write at home will improve your child's skills and confidence – it will also better equip them for learning in the classroom environment.

Reading and writing skills are needed by every child in every subject in every year of their school life and beyond. As parents and carers you can play an important role in improving your child's literacy by practising reading, writing, spelling and speaking with them outside school. This kit includes a number of tips on how to help.

By listening, asking questions, giving information, and reading with your child outside school hours – you can make a difference. Students who improve their reading and writing will increase their vocabulary and their ability to use English language correctly.

This kit includes tips on how to help your child to read, write and spell, such as:

- reading aloud each night
- involving children in everyday conversations
- listening to your child read
- reading your child's writing
- using a dictionary
- encouraging your child to talk about events that don't involve the parent or carer
- trying not to ask questions that require a "yes" or "no" answer
- practising reading and writing by filling in forms, writing letters, sending cards, or emails.

The *Premier's Reading Challenge* is also a wonderful way to encourage your child to read. You can assist your child by encouraging him or her to join the Challenge and discuss the books they are reading.



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