

CAISL's

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Early Childhood
Reading Program



I've read



books!

First 500

Literacy Starts At Home!

FAQ



Can we really read that many books?!

Yes! If you start in EC3/4 and read 1 book per day for two years, you'll read 730 books with your child. Or, start in Kindergarten and read 2 books per day for one year, and you'll still read 730 books, well over the 500 goal!

Do I need to read English books?

Reading is reading! Read in any language you are comfortable with and that your child hears regularly.

Can other people read to my child besides me?

Reading is reading! Parents, grandparents, siblings, nannies—anyone can read to your child. It all counts!

My child wants to read the same book over and over! What do I do?

Good news! Repetition is important for learning. Each time you read that book, write it on your reading log—it counts!

By reading to your newborn, toddler, and preschooler, you'll develop a closer bond with your child, and you'll develop the literacy skills they need to be successful at learning to read!

What necessary literacy skills will they develop?

- being able to hold a book properly, follow text on a page, and turn pages in the correct direction
- knowing the meaning of words for things, feelings, and ideas
- understanding that print has meaning
- understanding that letters represent sounds
- being able to hear and play with the sounds within words, such as syllables and rhymes
- building background knowledge to help understand the world

Read 500 books to your child before they finish kindergarten.

Getting Started

1. Visit the library or email library@caislisbon.org to enroll your child in CAISL's First 500 program.

2. Read books—even the same book—each day with your child and record the title of the book on the reading log.

3. After each 100 books, bring your reading log to the library to collect a sticker marking your progress. After reading 500 books, receive a surprise!

What To Read

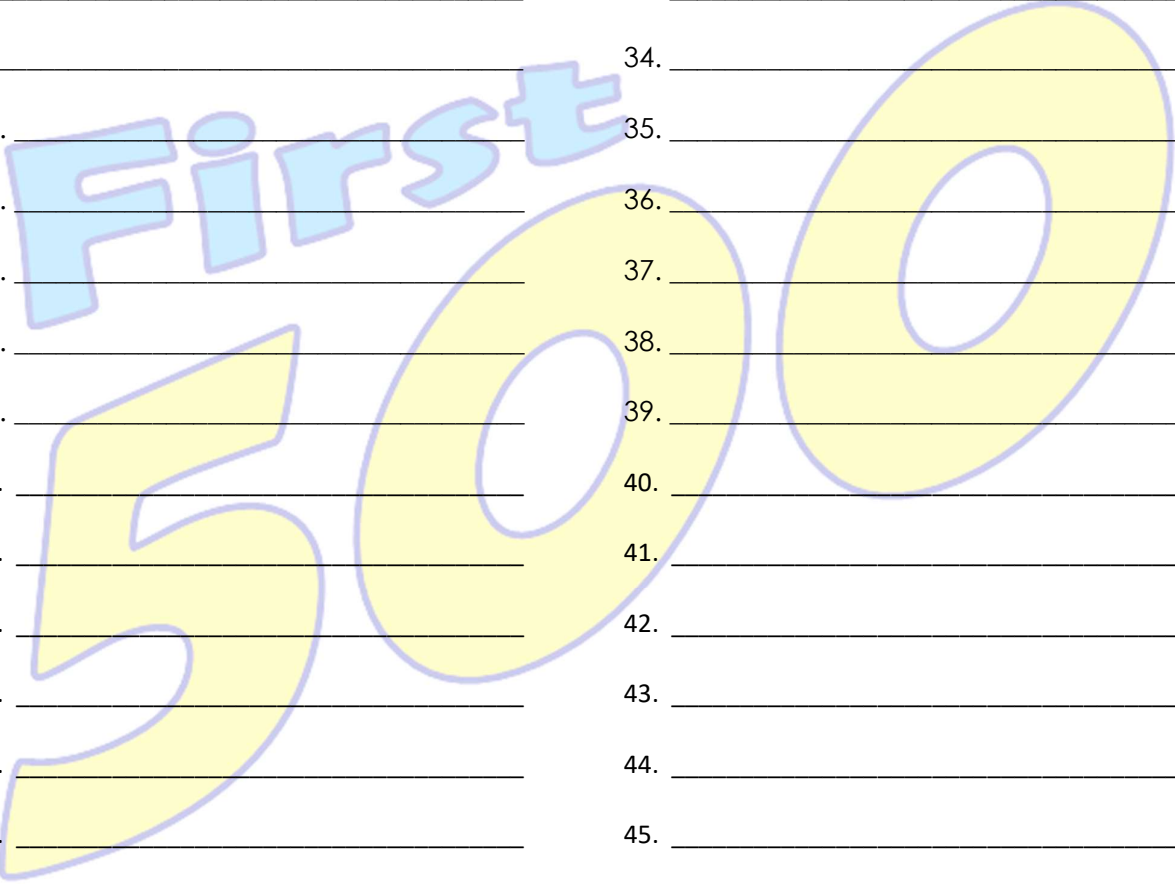
- Stop by the CAISL library to browse our collection of board books and picture books in both English and Portuguese.
- Read a JE e-book from CAISL's OPAC.
- Pick a book from the 1000 Books Foundation's list "Books Your Child Should Hear Before Kindergarten." Ask your librarian for a copy of the list, or visit our Moodle page!

Sources

- Material for CAISL's First 500 program have been adapted from the 1000 Books Foundation. Find it online at: 1000booksbeforekindergarten.org
- Early literacy research set forth by the second edition of Every Child Ready to Read, second edition, presented in [Storytimes for Everyone: Developing Young Children's Language and Literacy](#), by Ghoting & Martin-Diaz.
- Images from CAISL and clipart-library.com.

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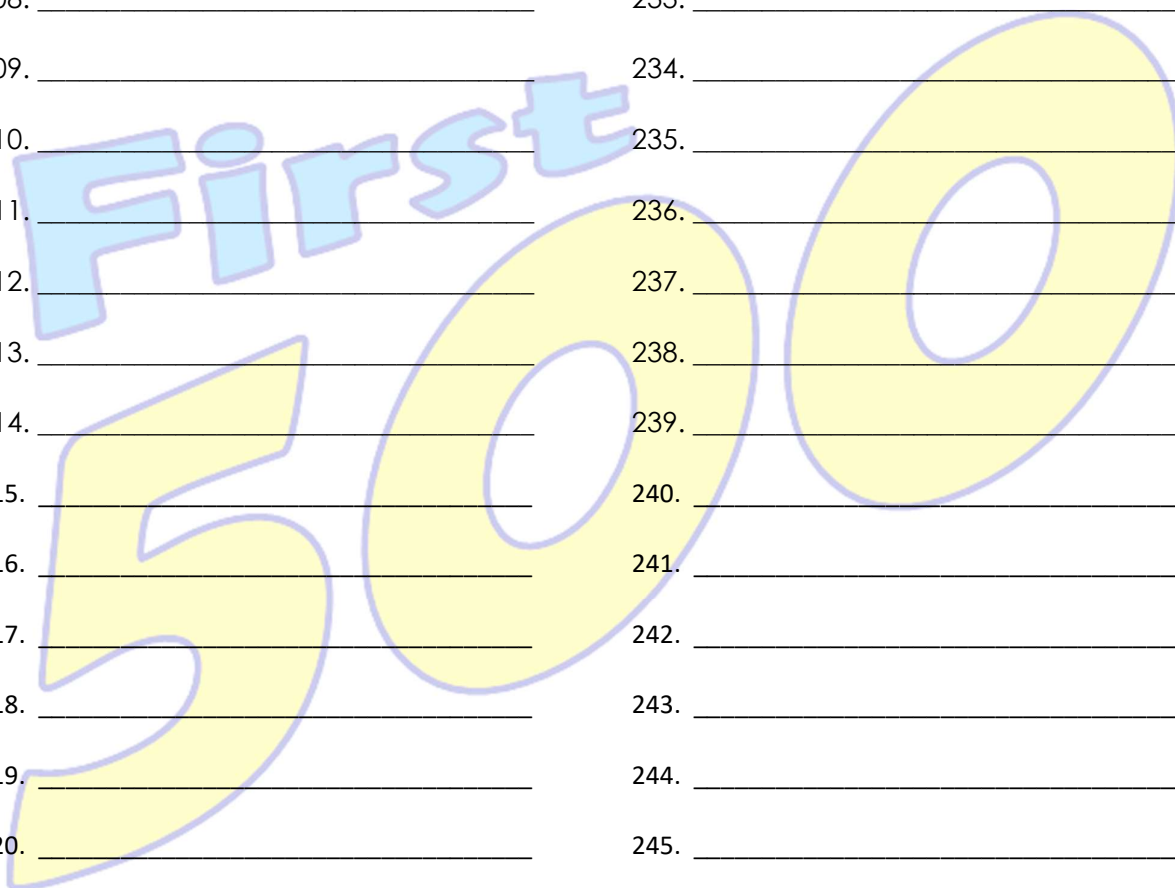
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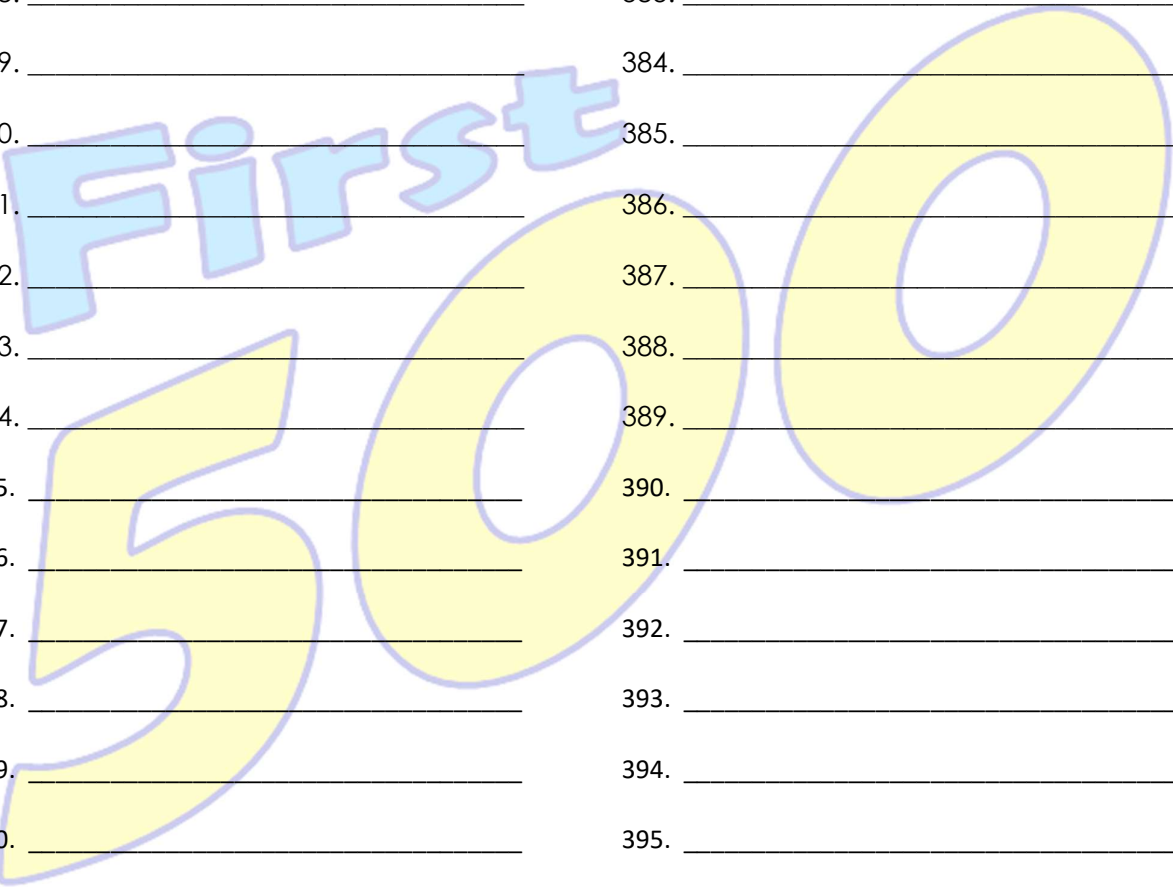
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