

# Why is **READING** with your child so important?

Excerpt from “Research shows the importance of parents reading with children – even after children can read”

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Research has typically found that shared reading experiences are highly beneficial for young people. Benefits of shared reading include facilitating enriched language exposure fostering the development of listening skills, spelling, reading comprehension, and vocabulary, and establishing essential foundational literacy skills.

They are also valued as a shared social opportunity between parents and their children to foster positive attitudes toward reading. When we read aloud to children it is also beneficial for their cognitive development, with parent-child reading activating brain areas related to narrative comprehension and mental imagery.

While most of the research in this area focuses on young children, this does not mean that these benefits somehow disappear as children age. As young people’s attitudes towards reading reflect their experiences of reading at home and at school in childhood and beyond, providing an enjoyable shared reading experience at home can help to turn our children into life-long readers.



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