Quick Guide to Paired Reading START BY READING ONCE CHILD SIGNALS TO READ ALONE **TOGETHER** Your child gives the Your child chooses what to read. Read agreed signal that they together, both reading want to read alone. at same pace. Give praise. Your child reads alone. If your child makes a Stop and ask questions mistake, allow 4 and discuss from time seconds for them to to time. correct. If your child makes a If your child cannot correct the word, you say the mistake, give 4 seconds word and ask your child to correct. to repeat correctly. If not corrected, you say the word and ask Use praise. 🙂 your child to repeat it correctly. Read together again Ask questions and talk about what you are until your child signals reading. to read alone. ENJOY!



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Paired reading is a stage between the child hearing a story and reading independently.

The Book: Let the child choose the book but make sure it is not too hard.

The Place: Somewhere quiet and comfortable where you will not be interrupted. Sit side by side so that you can both see the book.

The Time: You need to put aside a short time each day to suit yourself and your child. (About 10

How to do it

- Look through the book together, talk about the title and the pictures and ask your child what he/she thinks might happen.
- You and your child both read the words out loud together. Try to match your speed with that of your child.
- 3. When your child wants to read a bit alone he/she will make a signal, e.g. a tap on the book or a gentle nudge.
- 4. Your child then reads on alone until he/she hesitates or makes a mistake. Wait for 5 seconds.
- 5. Give the correct word. After your child has repeated it start reading together again.
- 6. Only stop reading again when your child feels confident enough to give you the sign.
- 7. You can stop occasionally to talk about the story. When you have finished reading encourage your child to chat about what has happened and what might happen next.
- 8. Always end on a positive note, say how much you have enjoyed reading together so that your child will see it as a relaxed enjoyable activity.

