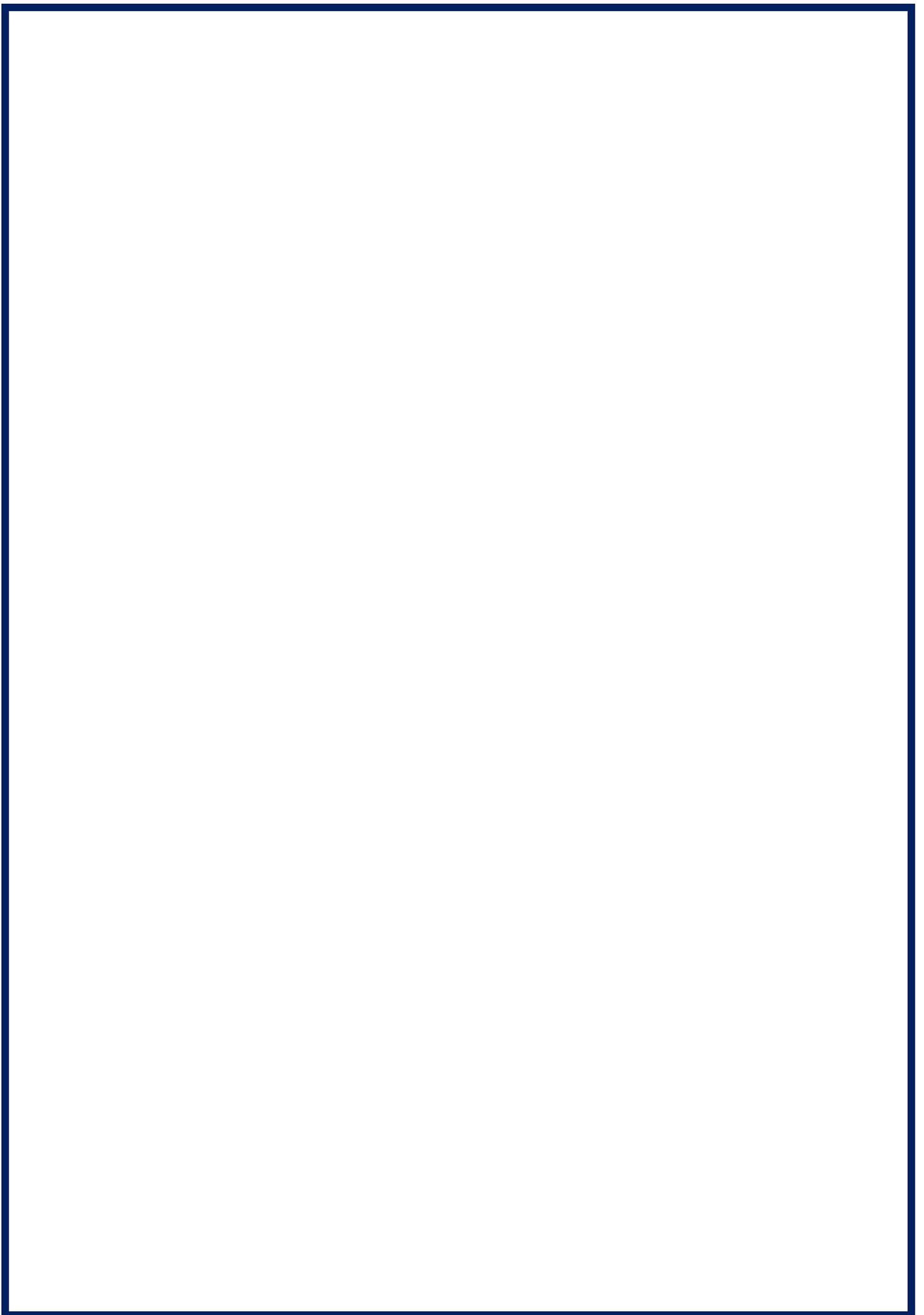


PAIRED READING

THE PURE FORM

PARENTS' BOOK





Your Guidelines

- Try to do Paired Reading at the same time each day.
- Find the time that suits you and your child and stick to it.
- Let your child choose the reading material but be sure it's not too easy or not too difficult.
- Start off with five minutes.
- You can work up to longer times, but only if your child wants to.
- While you are together, your child has to feel that they have your full attention.
- Get close up together and make sure you are both comfortable.
- The atmosphere should be warm and snug.

Getting Ready

- Remember that most children are easily distracted.
- They cannot concentrate when there are lots of interruptions.
- Find a place that is quiet and comfortable.
- If the television is on then turn it off or go somewhere where you can't see or hear it.
- Do not give the rest of the family a chance to interfere.



The Idea

- Paired Reading has two steps:

Reading together



Reading alone

- Parents and child can switch from one step to the other.
- The idea is for the child to spend more and more of their time reading alone.

Reading Together

- You and your child both read the words out loud together.
- You must be careful not to go too fast.
- Make your speed as fast or as slow as your child's.
- Every word must be read.
- Your child may struggle before they manage to read a word right.
- This shows they are trying.
- Be sure to show you are pleased with their effort.
- However, you don't want them to struggle for too long.

- If your child struggles for more than 5 seconds, reads a word incorrectly or leaves a word out, then you:

point to the word,

make sure they look at the word,

you read it correctly,

they then say it correctly and you continue reading together as before.

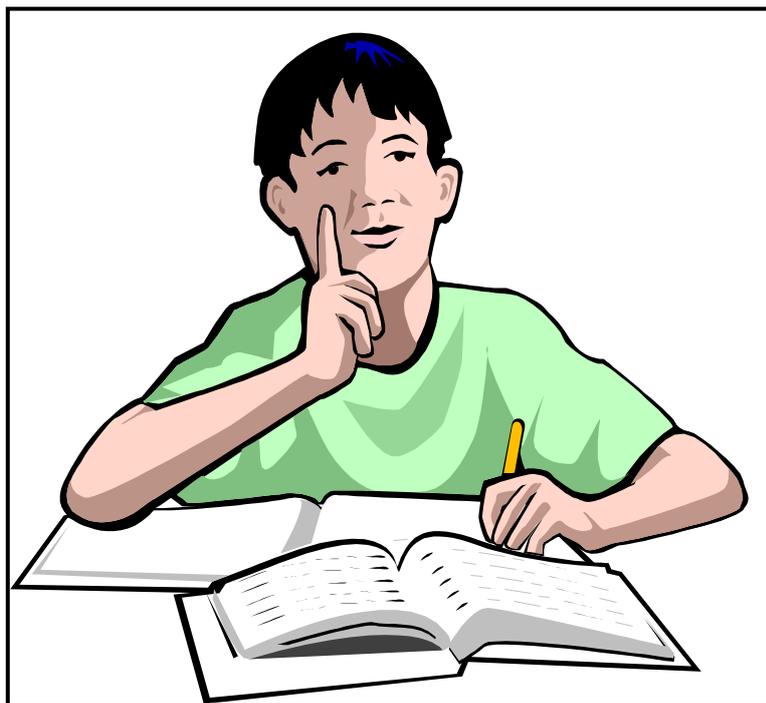


Reading Alone

- As you read together your child may start to feel confident enough to read a little on their own.
- You should agree a way for them to ask you to be quiet.
- Some kind of sign is best: a knock on the table or a squeeze of your arm.
- Once this signal is given, the parent stops reading out loud.
- Always praise your child whenever they make this sign.
- Your child carries on reading alone until he / she struggles, reads a word wrong or leaves out a word.
- Their mistake will start both of you reading together.

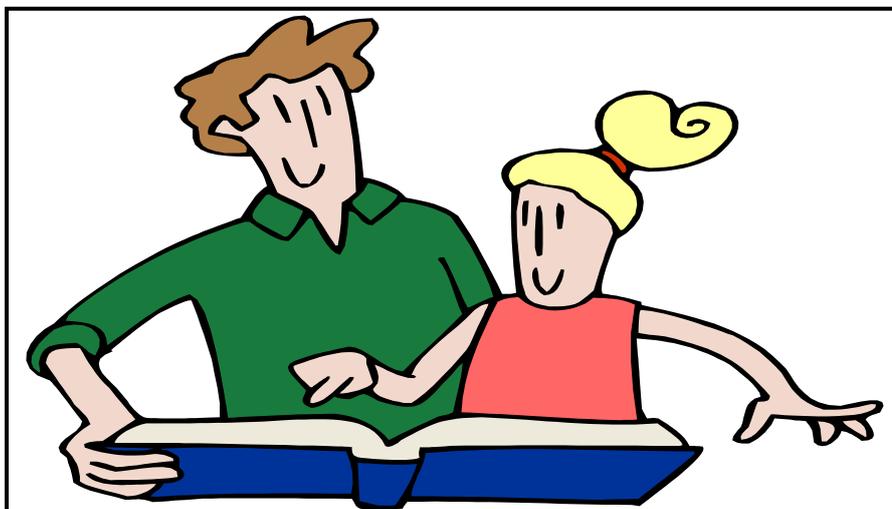
Make the Most of Reading

- Look together at the pictures in the book.
- Talk about them.
- Talk about the people, the things and places that you read about.
- Talk about the story.
- Try to guess together what is going to happen next.



Points to Remember

1. Be warm and friendly with your child.
2. Do not fuss about words the child may get wrong.
3. Do not 'break the words up' or 'sound them out'.
4. If your child gets the word wrong just say the word and let them say it after you.
5. Praise your child when they give you the sign that they want to read alone.
6. Continue to use praise as they read on alone.



Enjoy Yourselves!