What if my child doesn’t want to read?

- Have your child point to the words as you read.
- Use a kitchen/sport timer to show that reading can be done in a short time.
- Read the book aloud to your child but have them read the words that they know.
- Put a bookmark a few pages ahead and tell your child they only have to read to book mark.
- Read half the book each.
- Say, “I’ll read to you, then you read to me”.
- Read the book aloud together.
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- Read a page each.
- Say, “I’ll read to you, then you read to me”.
- If the book is available as an audio, online, on a smart phone or tablet device, have your child listen to the book, and/or read along with the author.
- Suggest your child read the book into a voice recorder or microphone.
- Have your child use a puppet to do the reading.
- Read the book aloud.
- Read the book aloud together.
- Have your child read the book using a different voice.
- If the book is available as an audio, online, on a smart phone or tablet device, have your child listen to the book, and/or read along with the author.
- Give your child a special pointer, e.g. magic wand, or a special reading cape or hat. Wear funny goggles or use a magnifying glass.
- Encourage your child to read to a friend or relative via video call or telephone.
- Let your child play their favourite music while reading.
- Have your child stand and read, read while walking around, or sit in an unusual place like under the table.
- Read the book aloud together.
- Link reading a book with after school or after meals.
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- Read the book aloud to your child.