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.

Put a bookmark a few pages ahead and tell your child they only have to read to book mark.

Read a page each.

Ask your child to read to a stuffed toy, a willing sibling or placid pet.

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.

Link reading a book with after school or after meals.

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.

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 to your child.

Read the book aloud to your child but have them read the words that they know.

Read half the book each.

Say, “I’ll read to you, then you read to me”.

Have your child use a puppet to do the reading.

Read the book aloud together.

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