

**Quality
learning
@ home**

**Tips for
Parents**

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your child's
reading skills**

**Daily
Reading
exercise**

Quality reading @ home:

Parents have an important role to play in improving the reading skills of their children. During lockdown parents **MUST** promote reading as a daily activity in their homes.



Tips for parents:

- Dedicate a special time for reading in your home.
- Words are for learning – and they are everywhere! It can be a book, magazine, newspaper, recipe or even the back of a washing powder packet! Be sure to practise reading it.
- Choose three of the reading exercises each day to practise reading and writing in your home.
- End your day with a play that your child/children has/have written.

Daily reading exercises:

- Retelling the story: Ask your child to retell you a story he/she has read.
- Sequencing: Ask your child what happened first? What happened last?
- Role playing: Ask your child to act out a story he/she has read or written.
- Word building: Build words with sounds e.g. c - a - t → cat.
- Comprehension activities: Ask specific questions about the content of the story.
- Story writing: Ask your child to write a story for you or to keep a diary about his/her day.
- Book making: Make and write a book or draw a story.



How to measure your child's reading skills:

- Your child should be able to read:

Grade 1

- By end of term 1: 10 words per minute.
- By end of term 2: 20 words per minute.

Grade 2

- By the end of term 1: 50 words per minute.
- By the end of term 2: 60 words per minute.

Grade 3

- By the end of term 1: 100 words per minute.
- By the end of term 2: 120 words per minute.



Keep track of the words per minute your child is reading and see if there is an improvement.

