

Cradley's 10 top tips to help your child read

- Choose a quiet time (10 minutes is long enough with no screens)
- Make reading enjoyable (sit with your child and stop when they lose interest)
- Maintain the flow (let your child self-correct and don't be tempted to keep jumping in to correct)
- Be positive (praise often and don't keep pointing out the mistakes)
- Success is the key (keep to easier books until your child is ready – don't pressure them and rush to harder books)
- Visit the library and read as a family (read to your child daily) • Regular practice (read for a few minutes each day)
- Communicate (show an interest, connect the books to your child's life, write in the school reading journal)
- Talk about the books (talk about the pictures, predict the ending, discuss the characters and favourite parts)
- Variety (children need to enjoy reading and not be forced, it's great to give them a wide reading diet which includes: comics, picture books, hard backs, magazines, poems and information books)