

How Children Begin to Learn to Read

1. Hearing stories and seeing others read



2. Talking about the pictures in books



3. Joining in repeated phrases in a favourite book



"The wolf huffed and he puffed and he blew the house down"

4. Distinguishing between pictures and words



dog

5. Realising that words are read from left to right



6. Hearing rhymes and joining in with them as a book is read

"Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall"

7. Making up strings of rhyming words

Cat, sat, mat, hat

8. Hearing the initial sounds of words



'C' for cat

9. Recognising letters from their name and matching to their sounds, then other letters

'T' 'o' and 'm' are in my name

10. Hearing the last sound in simple words e.g. the 't' in cat

11. Hearing the middle sound in simple words e.g. the 'a' in cat

12. Putting 2 then 3 sounds together to make a word

13. Children will also learn some familiar words by recognising the shape of the word, for example their own name, shop signs, brand names

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