



## PAIRED READING

### **STEP ONE: Choose a book**

- Choose a book that is easy to read.
- This will make your child feel proud and build his/her self-confidence.

### **STEP TWO: Talk about the book**

- A lot of work goes into making a book.
- Look at the front cover and explain to your child:
  - ...the *author* is the person who wrote the book
  - ...the *illustrator* is the person who drew/painted the pictures
  - ...the *title* is the name of the book
  - ...a *fiction* book is a story and *non-fiction* is a book about facts
- Look at all the pictures in the book and talk about them.
- Explain how to look for clues of what words say by looking at the pictures-ask your child to try to guess what happens next.
- Read or say difficult words out loud.
- Find something in the story that may also have happened at home or school and talk about it. This will make the story more interesting and real.

### **STEP THREE: Read together (the parent starts)**

- Use your finger to follow each word while you read so that your child can hear that the words on the page have certain sounds.
- Ask the child to read along with you.
- Your child will probably read a bit more slowly and quietly than you.
- Read clearly and at a slow pace.



- Explain the following:
  - ...a sentence begins with a capital letter
  - ...a sentence ends with a full stop
  - ...a question sentence ends with a question mark (?)
  - ...a sentence can end with an exclamation mark (!) to show someone is surprised or happy
- Stop during the story to ask or answer questions or to talk about something interesting.

#### **STEP FOUR: The child reads by him/ herself**

- When your child is ready to read out loud ask your child to tap the book.
- Allow your child to read out loud by him/ herself.
- If there is a difficult word, make sure to read the correct word IMMEDIATELY.
- Carry on reading together as in **STEP THREE**.
- Read together until your child taps the book again to show you that he/she wants to read on their own. This may happen many times while you are reading the book.
- Praise your child for reading so well.