

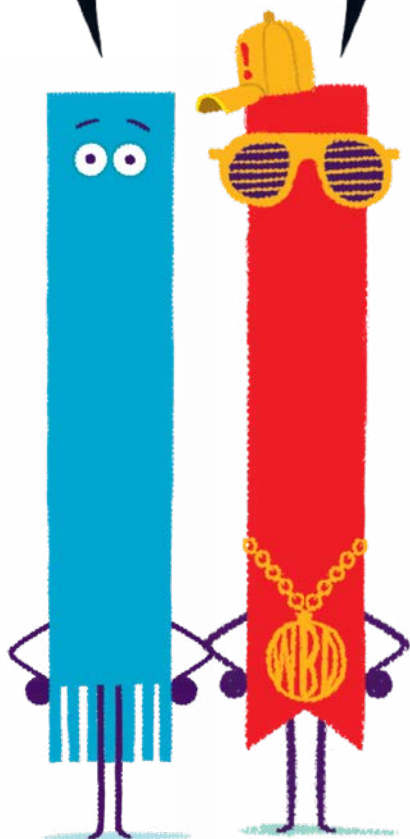
WORLD
**BOOK
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**SHARE A STORY
FOR 10 MINUTES TODAY**



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Reading with a child for just
TEN MINUTES A DAY can
make a crucial difference

Creating readers

Despite reports to the contrary, by the age of nine, most children can read. However, *being able to read is not the same as being a reader*. Children continue to need a supportive relationship with caring adults to encourage a love of reading. Being a reader will be of great benefit:

1. Reading will become a lifetime habit; your children will always have the joy and enrichment of getting lost in a book.
2. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's academic success.
3. It is important for parents, and other carers, to encourage children to:
 - become 'bookworms' while they are still at primary school
 - talk to you about the books they have enjoyed reading to themselves
 - introduce them to texts which may be a bit demanding for them
 - develop preferences for authors, or different types of books, for personal reading (this will have been inspired by stories shared when they were younger)
 - join the local library
 - join a book club at school or the local library (e.g. Chatterbooks)

Sharing books and reading aloud together will:

- continue to be very valuable support in keeping youngsters engaged with reading
- develop the positive relationship set up between you from their early years
- provide them with a role model of literate adult behaviour
- open their minds to the breadth of knowledge gained from reading a variety of texts

It is well worth spending time – even ten minutes a day – chatting about books or introducing them to new and more challenging titles.

As they become teenagers

In the UK, a child is any person under the age of 18 so books for readers up to 18 are considered children's books. The content of a book for older teenagers is sometimes unsuitable for younger readers. Taking an interest in what children from 9-to 15 years are reading will help you when choosing titles to give as gifts or borrow from the library. Visit www.booktrust.org.uk for advice on books.

As they enter their secondary school years, books will be at the centre of their studies. Encourage them to read widely about any school-based topics, but don't let them forget to read for relaxation, too.

Join the World Book Day Campaign

Sharing reading experiences with your child for just ten minutes each day can make a **crucial difference**. Take a personal interest in the books they enjoy. When you do, you will be influential in enhancing your child's chances in life.

Great books to share with 9-12s

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K. Rowling
Coraline by Neil Gaiman, illustrated by Chris Riddell
Coming to England by Baroness Floella Benjamin
Holes by Louis Sachar
Wonder by R.J. Palacio
Varjak Paw by S.F. Said
Talking Turkeys by Benjamin Zephaniah
You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum! by Andy Stanton, illustrated by David Tazzyman

Great books to share with teenager

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
Northern Lights by Philip Pullman
Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman
Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys
One by Sarah Crossan
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

For more recommendations of fantastic stories to share for 9+ and 12+, visit worldbookday.com/reading-ideas-youll-love