

Everyday ELLA ideas for reading



When you read with your child often, good things happen. You are close together, looking at the same thing. Your child will hear many new words and phrases. You can ask each other questions about the book and talk about what is happening in the story. That is not all ...

Books can surprise us.

Books can help us learn about other cultures and experiences.

Books can help us to understand others.

Books can change the way we see ourselves.

Books can help us learn to include others.

Some questions for you

1 Who wrote the book?

What is the author's (and the illustrator's) culture and background?
Does the author have experience of what and who they are writing about?

2 Is the story interesting?

Do you want to keep reading the book?
Is your child interested?
Are the pictures engaging?

3 Does the book show respect for all people?

When was the book written? Are the words and pictures used suitable?
Do the messages about society seem to be biased, or are they factual?
Will this book help your child to show respect for people from of a range of cultures and backgrounds?

4 Are the characters believable?

Does the story show real emotions?
Can your child relate to the characters?

5 Is the story appropriate for the age of your child?

Does your child understand the story?
Do you feel comfortable talking about the story?
What is the book's message?

**Find a cosy spot
and enjoy a book
together.**