

How you can support your child's reading at home

Make reading a part of every day life, without the pressure:



- Have books, magazines and newspapers easily available around the house
- Share and talk about interesting articles or headlines with your child
- Listening to audio books when commuting



Model Reading. Teens can be heavily influenced by what adults do:

- Let them see you reading, whether it be Recipes, newspapers, books etc.
- Capture their interest by mentioning to them something interesting that you have read that day

Build a routine that includes reading:

- Consistency helps far more than long sessions
- 10-15 minutes before bed
- A quiet half hour on weekends
- Screen-free time where reading is an option



Talk about books, don't quiz them



Conversations about reading matter more than testing comprehension, try asking:

- What part was the most interesting or surprising
- Would you recommend it to a friend?
- Does it remind you of anything you have read before?

These kind of questions can build deeper thinking and confidence



Support reading for pleasure, not just assignments - All and any reading counts!

Secondary school students often only read what the school requires of them. Suggest:



- Novels
- Manga
- Sports writing
- Fantasy or sci-fi
- YA (young adult) novels
- Non-fiction about their interests

Visit Libraries or bookshops together

Even occasional visits help students discover new genres or authors.



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Remove pressure and create positive associations

If reading becomes a battle ground students disengage. Try small choices:

- Do you want to read the graphic novel or the short story today?
- Would you rather read on your phone or a physical book?



Sparx Learning

Support school reading projects

- Help students plan long reading assignments
- Encourage them to choose their own texts when allowed
- When completing their SPARX homework, focus on helping them find the right book



- SPARX allows students to select their own texts genres, enabling choice from a range of books that are likely to appeal to them most

Encourage reading linked to their hobbies



Students are motivated when reading something that connects to an interest:

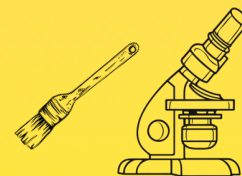


- Football - *sports biographies*
- Gaming - *fantasy/sci-fi, journals, lore books*



- Art - *graphic novels or design magazines*

- Science - *pop-science books or articles*



Use technology if that works for them

Many teenagers prefer digital reading:

- Kindle or e-reader
- Reading apps with dyslexia-friendly fonts
- Library apps (e.g. Libby, Sora)
- Putting subtitles on for TV/Film or YouTube videos
- Audiobooks fully count as real reading - they build vocabulary and comprehension.
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