

**Education Endowment Foundation (EEF)
PREPARING FOR LITERACY GUIDANCE**

Shared Reading Tips

Tip 1: Ask questions about the book.

Parents can support their child by asking a range of questions about the book they are reading together.

- The ‘five Ws’—**who**, **what**, **where**, **when**, and **why**—can provide useful question stems for parents.
- Parents should use a mixture of closed questions (which can be answered with a single, or small number, word) and open questions (which require a fuller response).
- Children might also be asked to summarise what has happened in the book or story so far, and to predict what will happen next.

Tip 2: Link reading to the real world.

- By talking about links between the book and real life, parents can make the story more interesting and help children develop their understanding of ideas in the book. For example, while reading about Cinderella going to the ball, a parent might discuss the similarities between a ball and a birthday party.