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



## SHARING STORIES WITH . . . 9-12s (readers for life)

### 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](http://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.

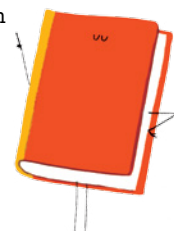
#### Great books to share with 9-12s

*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 teenagers

*A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness  
*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 You Give* by Angie Thomas

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



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