**Before you start reading**

Choose the best time and place for your child:

 - reading can be done at any time in any place.

Look at the front cover together:

 - What can you see?

 - What do you think the book is about?

 - Who is the author?

Look at the back cover:

 - Read the blurb and discuss it.

Look at the inside cover:

 - Look at the focus sounds

 together. Can you

 recognise them all?

Check the extra words:

 - Read them together.

**While you are reading**

Don’t rush - give your child time to process each word.

Encourage your child to sound out any unknown words - they have been taught all the sounds in the book.

Resist telling your child words they are struggling with - give them time to work them out themselves.

Refer to the sounds / words at the start of the book when needed.

Discuss what is happening in the book.

If your child is reading fluently, encourage them to add expression (such as voices for different characters).

**After you have finished the book**

Ask your child the questions at the end of the book:

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