



Reading



We have also included some ALD boards to aid discussions when reading books together. Please see end of document.

- **Enjoy reading together-** Have a special time or place to read together if possible. Give characters funny voices and engage with the pictures. Use reading to inspire new stories, or drawing pictures
- **Where?** You and your child can read anywhere. Make sure you keep books and magazines at easy reach
- **When?** Any time of the day. Reading is not just for bedtime. Read out loud everything that is close to hand e.g. books, nursery rhymes, poems or food labels etc
- **Looking at environmental print** – Environmental print refers to the signs, logos, symbols and words that children see every day and recognize without being able



to read them such as the words on a packet of cereal or clothing tags to the names of shops or cafes. You could let your child make his or her own book of environmental print. Provide newspapers, magazines, (safe) scissors, glue and paper. He or she can cut out familiar logos and symbols, paste one on each page, and you can read his or her book together.

- **Telling stories about pictures** - you can talk to your child about pictures, from photos to pictures in magazines. You can talk about the characters or what is happening in the pictures. Where appropriate encourage your child to do the same. You are helping them to develop narrative skills.
- **Sequencing pictures** – There are plenty of free sequencing cards on Twinkl, which tell a sequence of events such as eating an apple, to sequencing well known stories. You can ask your child to sequence some images. As long as the story and the pictures are in a coherent order, your child is learning that stories have a beginning, middle and an end. www.twinkl.co.uk

- **Make your own picture books** – This could be a simple book with photos of family members. www.dltk-teach.com/minibooks has a range of little printable books that you can colour in to make your own little mini books.



- **Make your own story sacks.** Here is a link for some more information how to do this: <https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/how-make-and-use-story-sack/>
- **Label common objects** - Print names of common household objects. Attach the cards to the objects they represent. As your child uses these objects, point out and say the words on the cards.
- **Play card games** – such as 'pairs' or 'snap'
- **Word games** – Play simple word games such as 'I spy.'

Online resources and links



Internet Safety: When allowing your child to access the internet, we recommend that you stay with them at all times in order to make sure the content is relevant, age appropriate and safe.



1. The CBeebies story time app or on BBC i-player– There are playful and imaginative stories in addition to questions to help develop understanding. There is a library feature so that you can download more stories for free and you can have up to 12 stories in your CBeebies book. There are two reading modes – 'read to me' and 'read by myself.' There are also free activities and games. These stories are also available on YouTube but please do take care when allowing your child to access YouTube. We recommend the YouTube kids app.



2. BBC Bitesize - There are stories and literacy related games and activities. Search under 'primary'.
3. CrickWeb <http://www.crickweb.co.uk> – There are lots of free Literacy related games and activities including interactive resources. The interactive resources include for example, labelling activities, words searches and so forth.
4. Twinkl – Twinkl has a wealth of worksheets for your children but you do need to set up a FREE account which lasts a month. There are many reading related activities. There is also a home learning hub.

5. Oxford Owl- www.oxfordowl.co.uk
This website requires you to register, but it is free and has some lovely online books divided into ages, levels and book types.
It has a selection of our favourite characters- Winnie the Witch, Biff, Chip and Kipper as well as some fantastic non-fiction reads!



6. Magic Keys www.magickeys.com
A website with online stories you can read to your child.

7. Help kidz learn www.helpkidzlearn.com
There are plenty of free stories in addition to fun, accessible games & activities designed specifically for young children & those with learning difficulties. You can register for free for a limited number of games

8. Topmarks www.topmarks.co.uk
There are online stories, nursery rhymes and poetry. There are also reading related games and activities.



9. The Fungooms www.fungooms.com

On this free online site, you will find funny characters, games, music and stories.

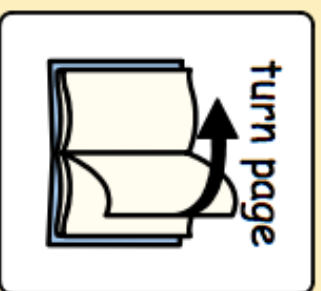
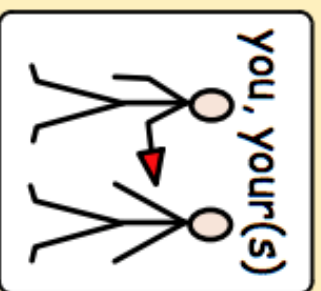
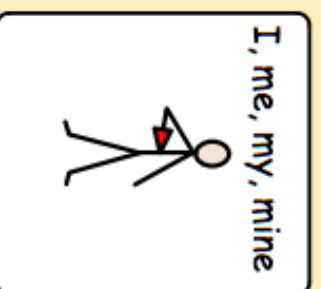
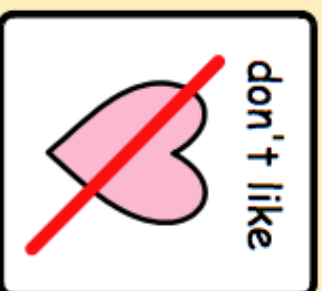
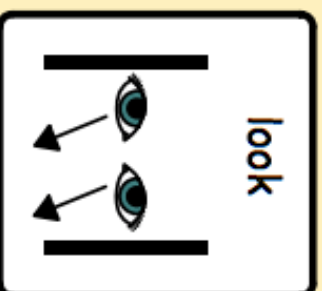
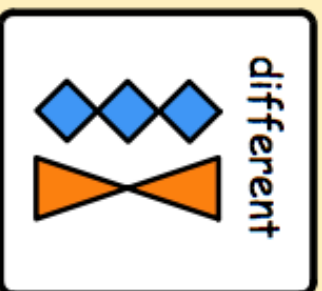
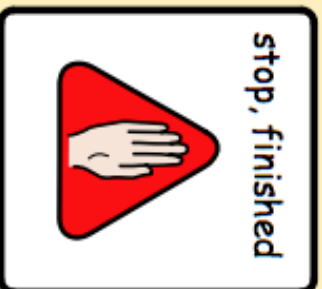
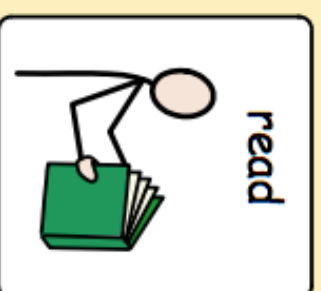
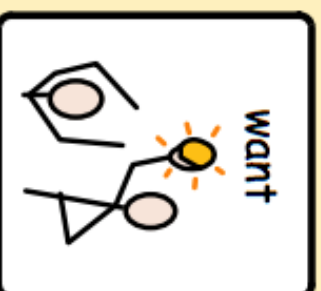
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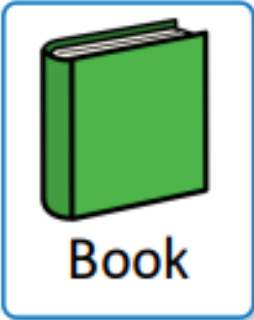
11. www.freechildrenstories.com - There are many stories which are read aloud but also which have the text available. You can browse by age and style eg. rhyming and non-rhyming stories

Most of all, when reading at home, make sure that you have fun!

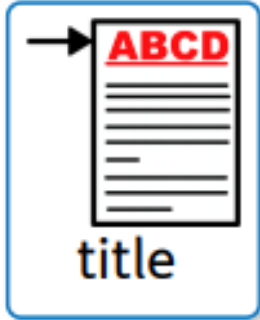


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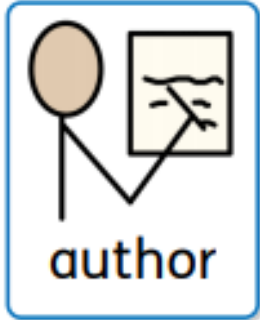




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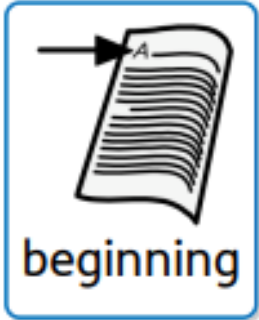
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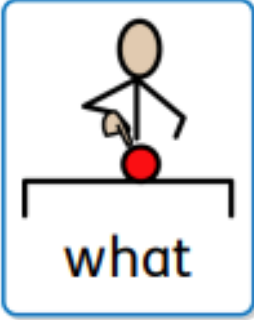
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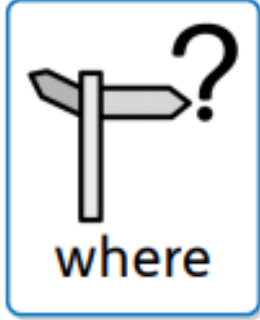
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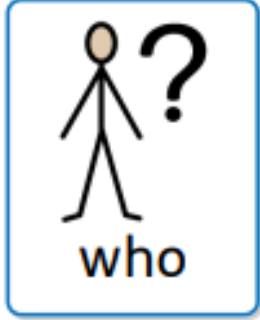
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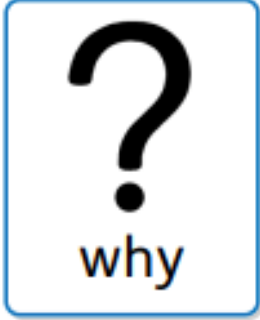
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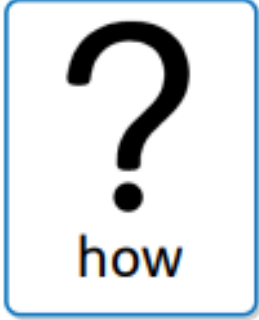
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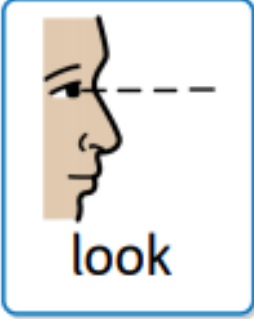
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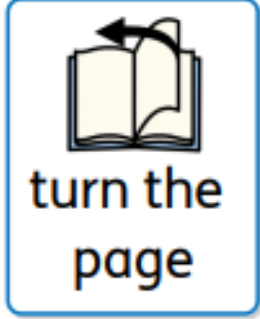
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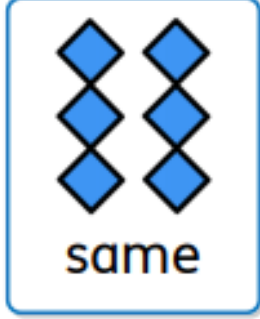
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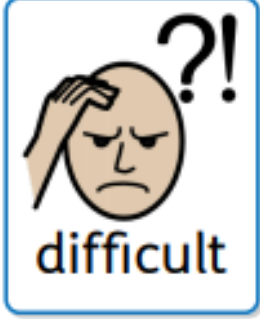
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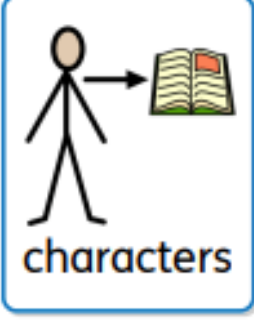
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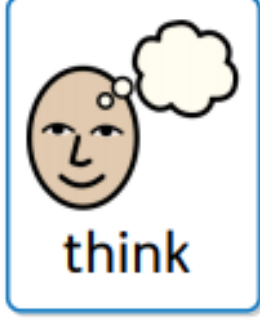
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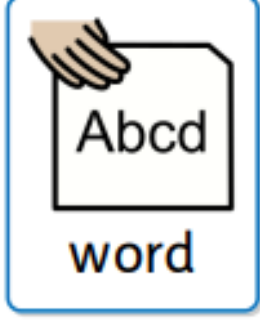
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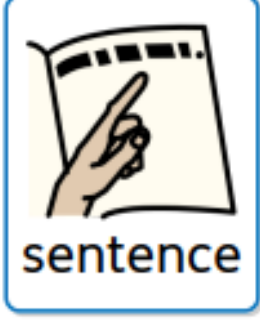
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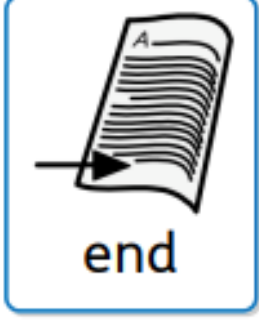
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