

Education Endowment Fund Research On Interactive Reading

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**Strong Evidence. Big Impact.
Bright Futures.**



What Is Interactive Reading?

An adult and child share a book together. The adult asks questions, encourages children to talk, and builds on their responses. It's more than reading the words on the page!



What Does The Research Say?

- ✔ Strong evidence of positive impact on language and early literacy.
- ✔ Particularly effective for children from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- ✔ Benefits include better vocabulary, comprehension, and communication skills.



How To Make Interactive Reading Count

Choose A Good Book



Pick books that interest your child and include rich language.

Ask Open Questions



Encourage thinking and imagination, with 'why', 'what', and 'how' questions.

Listen And Respond



Give children time to answer and build on what they say.

Make It Interactive



Keep the conversation going – it's a two-way experience.

Make It A Daily Habit



Regular, short sessions make a big difference over time.

Why It Matters



- ✔ Builds strong foundations for future learning.
- ✔ Supports early language, literacy and confidence.
- ✔ Helps every child get the best start in life.

Everyone Can Make A Difference



Parents, carers, and practitioners – your voice, your questions, and your attention help children thrive.

**Read. Talk.
Connect. Grow.**



Small Moments. Big Impact. Powered By Talk And Books.
Let's Give Every Child The Best Start.

Learn More Here!

EEF EYFS Evidence Tool – Communication And Language

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/education-evidence/early-years-toolkit/communication-and-language>

