

# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND TIPS FOR PARENTS



Reading is so important for your child! By reading with him/her, you are...

- Strengthening the parent-child bond
- Improving their attention span and stimulating their imagination
- Developing their empathy for people around them
- Exposing them to new people, places and cultures
- Developing their interest and love for reading



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These discussion questions are useful to start conversations with your child about the book you are reading with them. Enjoy the conversation with your child and let their ideas and thoughts flow!

### BEFORE READING

- What do you think this book is about?



### DURING READING

- What has happened so far?
- What do you think will happen next?
- Why do you think <character> did <action>?
- What do you see in the picture?



### AFTER READING

- Did you enjoy the book? Why
- Who is your favourite character in the book? Why?
- What is the most interesting thing you learnt from the book?
- Would you have a different ending to the book? How would you end the story?



## If you are not so fluent in your Mother Tongue Language (MTL), try the following tips!

- Encourage other family members such as grandparents, older siblings, or relatives who are more fluent to read with the child.
- Make full use of the resources at the National Library, such as audio books or e-books available at <https://go.gov.sg/nlb-e-resources> (try following along with the print version of the book if you can get a copy of it), or the storytelling sessions conducted in the MTL.
- Be a role model and exhibit a love for MTL books to encourage your child.



### CHINESE

- Attend programmes and activities with your child organised by institutions, such as the Singapore Federation of Chinese Clan Associations, Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre, or the Esplanade. These programmes and activities typically include storytelling sessions and the sharing of traditional folk tales.



### MALAY

- Read bilingual books (Malay language with English translations) to instil interest in reading Malay language books.
- Pick popular Malay books for children such as “Sang Kancil” with familiar storylines, simple and repeated words that could widen their vocabulary.
- Select books of different genres such as books with simple Malay song lyrics, quatrains/ couplet (pantuns) and riddles (teka teki) or jokes.



### TAMIL

- Attend programmes, activities, and Tamil storytelling sessions with your child, organised by community centres, residents' committees, SINDA, and other Tamil organisations.
- Download and use free Tamil e-books applications (e.g. Kani Mani) that has voice over.

**“Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.”**  
**Emilie Buchwald**