## Helping your child to read at Home



#### **AGENDA**

- Important 'READING' facts
- How can I support my child to read independently?
- How can I develop their understanding of text?
- Scheme V Real texts

The top quartile of pupils know about 7100 words by age seven: acquiring three new words a day! (oral)

(Biemiller 2003)

The bottom quartile have about 3000 words, they acquire only one new word a day. The gap continues to widen.

Children who learn
eight nursery rhymes
by heart in first three
years rise to top rank
of readers at age
eight

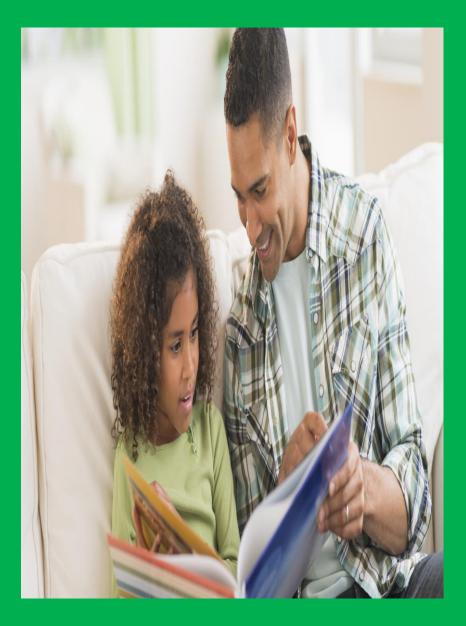
Poor vocabulary knowledge is the prime cause of academic failure

(Becker, 1997)

# Why, what and where do YOU read?



#### When should I read with my child?



- At least 10 minutes per day
- Free from other duties
- Relaxed
- Realistic commitment booked
- Quality time is more important than quantity

#### Getting started...

- Cover-title
- Author/illustrator
- Blurb
- Illustrations
- Characters
- Fiction/non fiction
- Setting
- Connections
- Simple prediction

## The Little Red Hen



Story retold by Bev Evans



#### Warm up

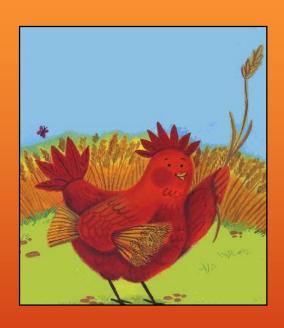
'walk through the book'- discuss illustrations/pictures on page

•pick out any words that you know that your child is unfamiliar with and encourage them to look at them on the page





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#### How can I help my child read

Dzieci musza nauczyc sie czytac, a potem przeczytac, aby dowiedzieć sie.

#### Decoding strategies



#### Engaging strategies

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"NO!"

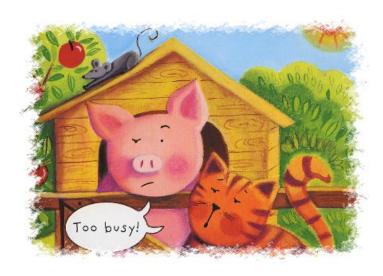
Once upon a time there was a little red hen who lived on a farm.



Early one morning she found some corn.



"Who will help me plant the corn?" said the little red hen "Not I!" said the pig.
"Not I!" said the cat.
"Not I!" said the rat.



"Oh, very well then," said the little red hen, "I'll do it myself!"



#### Early reading development...



"Who will help me water the corn?" said the little red hen.



"Not I!" said the pig.

"Not I!" said the cat.

"Not I!" said the rat.

"Oh, very well then," said the little red hen, "I'll do it myself!"





"Who will help me cut the corn?" said the little red hen.



"Not I!" said the pig.

"Not I!" said the cat.

"Not I!" said the rat.

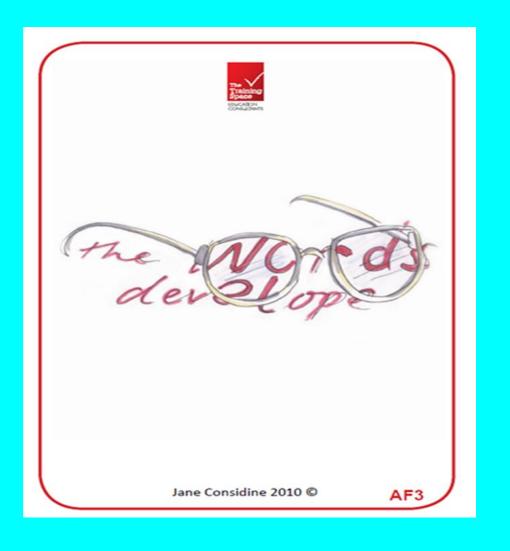
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## How can I help my child read for meaning?

To read (to listen to) a narrative is not merely to move from one word to the next, it moves us from one level to the next.

**Roland Bartes** 



#### **Summarising**

What happened first?

What happened after the hen cut the corn?

What did the pig say to the hen at the end?

#### **Visualising**

What might you hear when you go the farm?

What might you see when you visit a farm?

What does making bread feel like?

#### **Connecting**

What is the same?

What is different?

What does it remind you of?

Have you ever felt like this?

#### **Predicting**

Cover: What do you think this story will be about?

Look at the picture of the hen cutting corn, what will she do next?

What do you think the animals will do when the hen eats the bread?

#### Questioning



#### **Inferring**

How did the hen feel when no one helped her?

What makes you think that?

Who do you think the hen was making bread for?



"Who will help me bake the bread?" said the little red hen.

"Not I!" said the pig.

"Not I!" said the cat.

"Not I!" said the rat.

"Oh, very well then," said the little red hen, "I'll do it myself!"





"Who will help me eat the bread?" said the little red hen.



"I will!" said the pig.

"I will!" said the cat.

"I will!" said the rat.

"Oh no you won't!" said the little red hen.

"I will eat it all myself!"



Summarising
What
happened
after the hen
baked the
bread?

#### **Visualising**

What might you see the animals doing after the hen ate the bread?

#### **Connecting**

Have you ever felt like the hen? Tell me about it.

#### **Predicting**

What do you think the animals will do when the hen needs help next time?

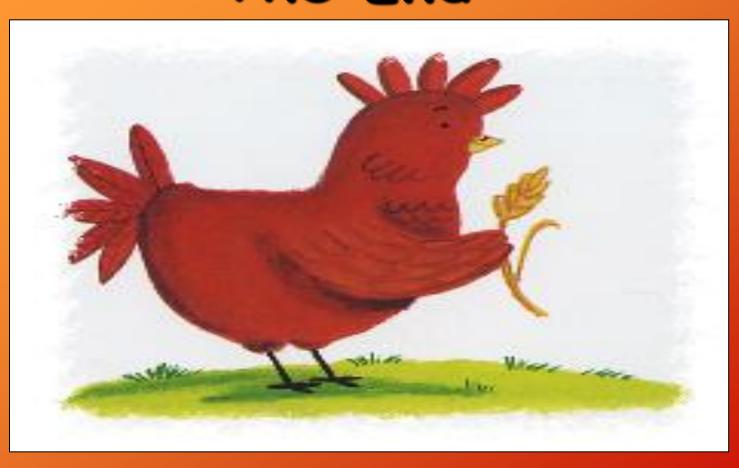
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What makes you say this?

### The End

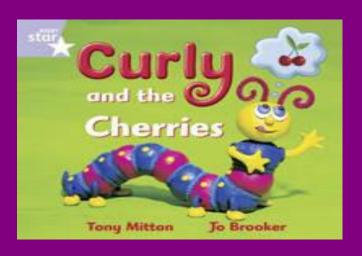


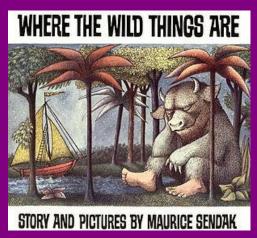
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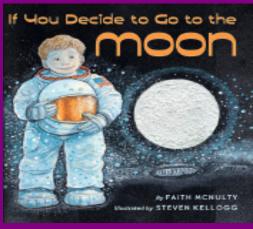
**Puzzles** 

Connections

#### **SCHEME V REAL BOOKS**

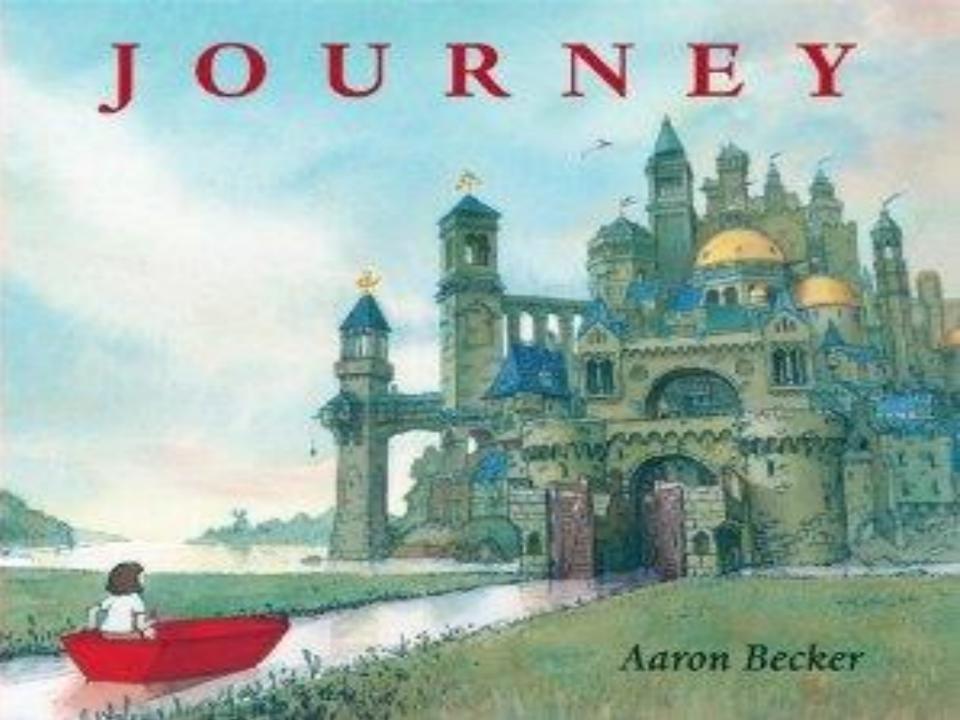






- build up a sight vocabulary of key words.
- develop confidence and fluency
- designed to be used alongside good quality real books and not instead of them.

- opportunities to read to your child for pleasure and purpose
- a chance to MODEL turning pages, reading with expression, predicting etc
- Motivation levels are high
- Higher level of inference
- Wider range of vocabulary



Read everyday for at least 10 minutes

Encourage your CHILD TO READ EVERYTHING

ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO DECODE USING A VARIETY OF STRATEGIES

DEVELOP vocabulary everyday

NTERACT THROUGH TALK & QUESTIONING

NURTURE GOOD ROLE MODELS

GIVE YOUR CHILD THE TIME TO READ BETWEEN THE LINES