

# Reading Challenge cards

The Reading Challenge Cards are short activity ideas that can fit into your day and will help your child see Reading as fun. The cards relate to reading with fluency and expression, building vocabulary, engaging children in reading for entertainment and information, and encouraging children to make connections between their lives and the texts they read.

You can repeat each activity as many times as your child wants to. Feel free to change the ideas to suit your child's interests, what you have in your house and their current level of development. If your child wants to represent their thinking on paper let them do so in their own way. They may write, draw, create charts, lists or brainstorm.

Please share any ideas you have for Reading challenges so that our collection of cards can grow and we can learn from one another.

You can find more information here: <https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/learning-and-development-at-home/ideas-to-help-with-reading-writing-and-maths>

# Reading Challenge 1

Sing along to karaoke songs.

You can find lots of examples  
on YouTube.



# Reading Challenge 2

Play board games with your whanau.

Read the instructions.

Read game cards.



Talk about the game.

# Reading Challenge 3

Take turns to retell favourite stories or parts of stories.

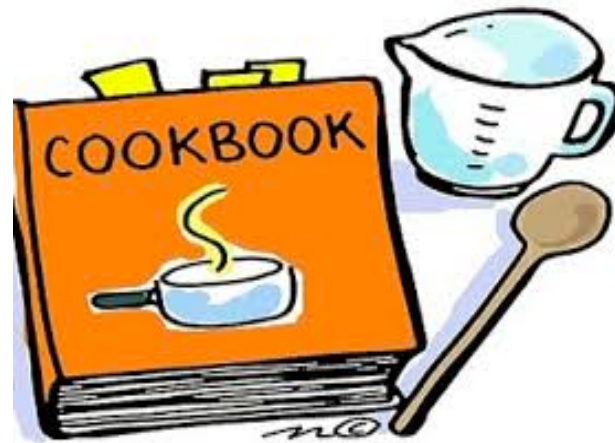


Ask each other questions about the characters, setting, and important events in the story.

# Reading Challenge 4

Find a recipe you like the sound of.

Read the instructions and make a special meal, dessert, or do some baking with your grown up.



# Reading Challenge 5

Read your grown up a bedtime story.

Read them a fiction book one night, and a non-fiction one another night.



# Reading Challenge 6

Read a favourite story to a brother, a sister, or even a pet.

How can you make it interesting for them to listen to?



# Reading Challenge 7

Make a list of all the things you can read on the way to school.

What do you 'read' that doesn't have words?





# Reading Challenge 8

Go through the junk mail in your letterbox.

Cut out items you like and make a poster or create your own brochure.



# Reading Challenge 9

Track your grown ups' reading.

What do they read?

How often do they read?



# Reading Challenge 10

Visit the library and choose a new book.

Why did you choose this book?

Who could you read it with or read it to?



# Reading Challenge 11

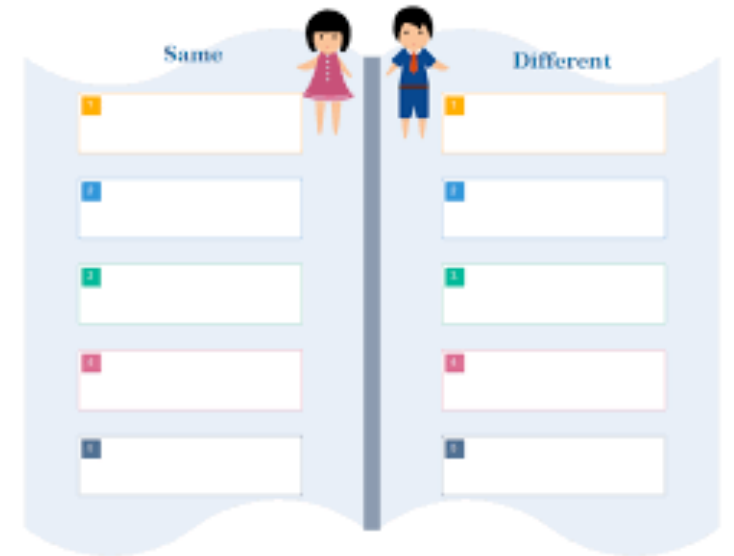
Write down new words from a book you've read and ask your grown up to help you look them up in a dictionary or thesaurus.



# Reading Challenge 12

Choose a character from a book you've read this week.

Make up a chart showing how you are the same on one side, and how you are different on the other side.



# Reading Challenge 13

Be in charge of directions on a family outing.

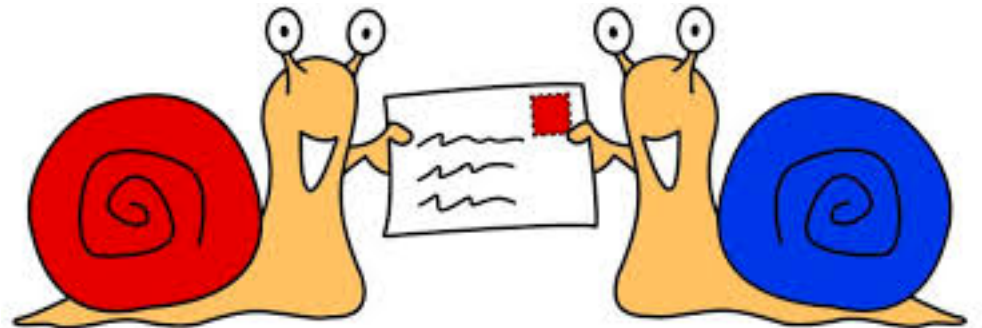
Read a map and give instructions on how to get to your destination.



# Reading Challenge 14

Find a penpal - it could be a friend or someone in your family.

Send each other emails, cards, or letters.



# Reading Challenge 15

Ask if you can phone a whanau member who doesn't live at your house.

Read them a book over the phone.  
Think about how you can make it interesting for them to listen to.

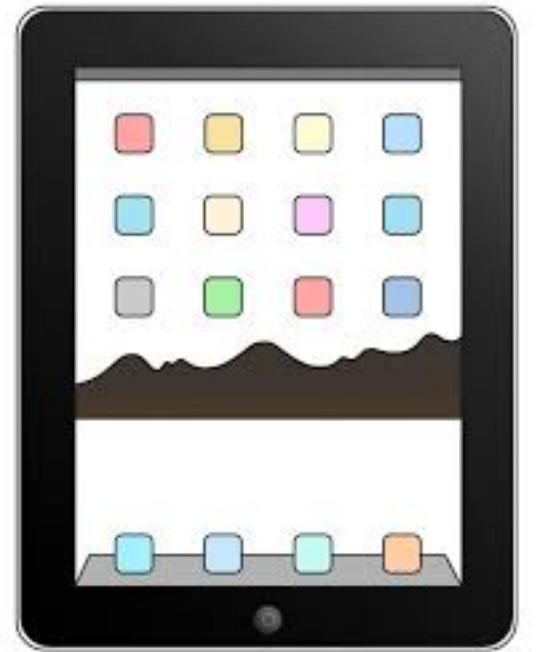




# Reading Challenge 16

Use a phone or an iPad to record yourself reading a book.

Listen back to it. How could you improve how it sounds?



# Reading Challenge 17

Ask your family members what their favourite books were when they were children.

Do they still have them?  
Read them together.



# Reading Challenge 18

Make a connection with every book you read over a week.

How many different connections did you make?

**Making Connections**

**Text to Self**  
This reminds me of a time...

**Text to Text**  
This reminds me of another book...

**Text to World**  
This reminds me of something I heard about...

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# Reading Challenge 19

Act out part of a book you're reading - see if your whanau can guess what you're doing.

You could create your own Charades cards.



# Reading Challenge 20

Create a display at home of amazing words you find when you're reading.

See if you can use these words in conversations at home, or in your writing at school.



# Reading Challenge 21

Cut out WOW words from old magazines, newspapers, flyers, or brochures.

You could make them into a poem, sentence, story or display.



# Reading Challenge 22

Help your grown up do the shopping.



Take charge of the shopping list and read out all the items you need.

# Reading Challenge 23

Get creative and make your own funky book mark.

Search for ideas and instructions on the internet (ask a grown up to help you)





# Reading Challenge 24

Print out a story from the Kiwi Kids News website.

Get your grown up to cut up the different paragraphs.

Try and put them back in the right order.



# Reading Challenge 25

Get a blank calendar and use it to track your reading.

Put a sticker, stamp or tick in for each day you read.  
How many days in a row can you read?



# Reading Challenge 26

Research a topic that interests you.

Give your family a presentation and tell them all about what you've learned.

