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'We have an obligation to read aloud to our children. To read them things they enjoy. To read them stories we are already tired of. To do the voices, to make it interesting, and not stop reading to them just because they learn to read to themselves.'

Neil Gaiman

Why is reading aloud still important for fluent readers?

- It gives them the chance to listen to books which they might not be able to read independently.
- Listening to an adult read gives a model for fluent reading.
- It enables 'booktalk'- time to discuss ideas and share opinions about what you are reading.
- It can mean some special time is spent together.

My child would rather read on their own at bedtime.

Children often want to show their independence. They may feel it is more appropriate for younger children to share a story with an adult. This is quite common. Here are some ideas to try:

Let your child pick the book

Build up the challenge level

Try a bit of compromise

Listen to audiobooks

Recap: the benefits of sharing books with older children

- Children who share stories with adults are far more likely to read for pleasure themselves
- Children who read for pleasure achieve better results in all subject areas
- <https://www.theguardian.com/education/2020/feb/29/children-reading-less-says-new-research>

Where can I find books to read aloud?

- Local library
- Ideas on twitter or blogs
- Share a story world book day -lots of top tips
- <https://www.worldbookday.com/ideas/share-a-story/>