

Initial situation

The child wants you read to him/her in the mother tongue.

Desired situation

The child occasionally asks you to read to him/her in the target language.

Technology 2 Reading to the child

Make sure that there are books in the target language available at home, so that your child sees them on a regular basis. If you can't buy books, borrow them from the library. Picture books may be a good idea. These are books with big and clear pictures that help children understand the meaning very easily.

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Think about the books your child likes. Were any of them originally written in the target language? If so, try to get one of these books. Introduce it to your child. You may start by looking at the pictures, reading the title and some captions. You may also compare the book in the mother tongue with it in the target language. Don't be in a hurry to start reading at once – the aim is not to read but to get the child to accept books in the target language.

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Get an audio book in the target language. Try to choose something fairly simple from those things your child likes, for example nursery rhymes. Listen together. If you have the same audio in the mother tongue, listen to it as well. Ask your child if they sound different or not.

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Buy or borrow from your library a book in the target language.

It can be any book, however it would be better if your child knew the book (e.g. Winnie-the-Pooh) or was interested in the topic (e.g. a space atlas in the target language if your child is interested in space). The main idea is to look at the book together and read a few words. The actual conversation will normally be in the mother tongue.

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