



BØRN OG UNGE  
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# READ

**TOGETHER IN READING  
3-4 YEARS OLD**



# DEAR PARENTS

When you read and write with your child and talk to them about books, you strengthen their language skills and familiarity with books and writing. It influences how your child communicates with others and understands the world around them.

With this bag, we aim to provide you with inspiration on how to read and talk with your child. The bag and the content are a gift for you to keep.





## THIS BAG CONTAINS:

- 3 books
- This brochure explaining why reading with your child is important
- A bookmark with specific suggestions on how to read with your child
- A coupon for an additional free book, which can be collected at your local library
- A game and the game rules

**THE BOOKS IN THE BAG CAN BE READ MULTIPLE TIMES, AND YOU CAN ALWAYS BORROW MORE BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY. FIND MORE INFORMATION ONLINE: [WWW.AARHUS.DK/READ](http://WWW.AARHUS.DK/READ)**



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Jimbo har det stort  
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# YOU ARE IMPORTANT AS A PARENT

- You strengthen your child's language skills when you read and talk with them about the books.
- Regardless of your child's language level, you can make a difference.

# READ WITH YOUR CHILD



It is fun and pleasant to read together. You do not need to be a great reader to read, tell, and talk about books with your child. Feel free to read various books together — e.g. picture books.

It is also a good idea to read the same books several times, as repetition strengthens your child's vocabulary and understanding of the content.



**READ**  
**TOGETHER**  
**IN READING**

- Point to pictures and words while you read and tell stories.
- Make up stories based on the pictures yourself – and let your child create stories too.
- Set aside time each day for reading and talking together.



## TALK WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT THE BOOK

It is a good idea to talk with your child about the book BEFORE, DURING, and AFTER reading. This develops your child's language, knowledge of the world, and helps them understand the content of the book. You can discuss both pictures, plot, and words. It is helpful to ask open and curious questions so your child feels encouraged to share.

You can find reading tips on the bookmark.



**BEFORE**

"What do you think the book is about?"

"Elephant"

**DURING**

"That's an umbrella. Do you know what it is used for?"

- Pause and discuss pictures and plot along the way.
- Explain or show words that are unfamiliar to your child.
- Ask open questions and acknowledge your child's responses.
- Take time to listen and respond to your child.

**AFTER**

"What did you find exciting?"

"Very fast"

"Yes, Minbo Jimbo flew very fast"



"Look, a horse..."

"Yes, it's a seahorse.  
Do you know what  
seahorse is in Dari?"

## MULTIPLE LANGUAGES ARE AN ASSET



If you speak another language than Danish, you can also use that language when discussing the book. Talk with your child in the language you are most comfortable with. You can talk about words and phrases in both Danish and your native language.



**READ**  
**TOGETHER**  
**IN READING**

- Remember that having multiple languages is beneficial.
- Discuss words and phrases in both Danish and your mother tongue.

## CLOSENESS WITH A BOOK



You create a pleasant time of closeness between you and your child when you read together. For example, read in bed or sit close together on the sofa or on the floor with eye contact.

Feel free to involve siblings in the reading time. Minimize distractions by turning off the TV and phone.





- Read in a comfortable and calm place.
- Sit close together while reading.
- Follow your child's curiosity and talk about what interests them.
- It's okay not to read the entire book.



## PLAY AND GAMES WITH YOUR CHILD



In addition to reading, you can also play and engage in games with your child. It is both fun and educational. For example, you can pretend to be the characters in the book. Or you can play games where you talk about pictures and words—such as picture bingo and memory games. In the bag, you will find a game that you can play together in different ways.



"What do you see in the picture?"

"Elephant"





## TALK WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCES

- Play different games with your child.
- Play with your child both indoors and outdoors.
- Do go on excursions with your child—such as to the forest or the playground.





“What would you like us to draw?”

  
**READ**  
**TOGETHER**  
**IN READING**

- Keep colors, pencils, and paper handy (e.g., on the dining table) so you can always draw, write, and tell stories together.
- Write letters and words in several languages and talk about how they look and sound.
- Show your child that you read and write.



# FIND MORE BOOKS

It is important to have books at home that your child can reach on their own.

You and your child can borrow more books at the library. The librarian can help you find good books in both Danish and other languages.

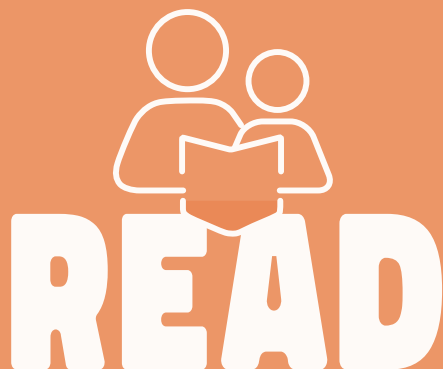


There is a coupon in the bag. When you present it at the library, you will receive a book as a gift.

You can find ideas for other books at [www.aakb.dk](http://www.aakb.dk)

On eReolen, you can also borrow e-books and audiobooks.





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