Finding our reading way: a choice and observation sheet

Print this sheet, or talk through the prompts together. Use only the parts that help. Keep completed copies private.

Use this together without asking your child to rate their ability. They can draw, point to choices or tell you their answers.

Stories and information I enjoy

A subject, character or joke I like: _____

Something I enjoy listening to: _____

A book, comic or other format I would try: _____

Somewhere comfortable to share it: _____

How we could read together

Choose one idea:

An adult reads and I listen.

We take characters or short turns.

I join in with one repeated line.

We look at pictures and talk about them.

Our own idea: _____

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Keep school practice clear

The skill school has asked us to practise: _____

The approach the teacher recommends: _____

What to do when it becomes difficult: _____

Example question for school: “They enjoy listening but become upset when sounding out unfamiliar words. What would you like us to do at that point?”

Notice three shared moments

What we chose and one thing that helped: _____

What we chose and one thing that helped: _____

What we chose and one thing that helped: _____

Our next choice

Something we want to repeat: _____

Something we want to change: _____

A question or observation for the teacher: _____

There is no requirement to finish every book. Keep this as a way to learn about your child’s experience, not a record of failures. Ask for support when reading remains difficult or distressing.

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For ideas to use alongside this resource, read When your child does not want to read: finding a way back to stories.