Reading with Children
The more time you spend looking at books the easier your children will find reading at school.

Reading is a great thing to do

Families with children and babies can share fun reading time together. Families can start teaching children how to read books before they go to school.

This book will show you how.
We can all help babies and children to start to enjoy books.

Do you have books in your home? Having books in your home is the first step in getting your children ready for school. Always find a quiet comfortable place to read.

Sharing books with young ones

Looking at pictures is part of reading. Have fun with children looking at pictures and talking about what is in the pictures. Everyone can read books to young ones at any time.
Are there books in the house?
Finding all the parts of a book

Tell your child about the parts of a book.
Front to back, top to bottom, left to right.

Remember to follow this pattern. It is the way a book is used.
Words are made up of letters and letters make sounds.

Words on the page
Show children the words and point to the letters in the word
Sentences

Tell children words make sentences.
Point to the spaces in between words.
A group of words make a sentence. Notice the space between each word.
Story

The words tell the story just like the pictures. Words and pictures make wonderful stories for young children and families to enjoy.
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The Indigenous Literacy Foundation aims to address literacy and improve the lives and opportunities of Indigenous Australians living in remote and isolated regions. It does this by providing books and literacy resources to Indigenous communities and raising broad community awareness of Indigenous literacy issues.

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