

Reading Skills Checklist

Reading is one of the most important skills children need to learn. Here is a checklist of the average age-appropriate reading skills. If you have concerns about your child's reading skills, please seek professional help.

Developmental Milestones

	RHYMES	SYLLABLES	LISTENING	SPELLINGS
3 YEARS OLD	Shows interest in play with sounds, songs, and rhymes	Recognises familiar words and signs	Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall.	Recognises words with the same beginning sound - (e.g. cat - cap)
4 YEARS OLD	Continues a rhyming string (e.g. cat - mat - bat)	Claps and count syllables in words (e.g. butterfly - butt - er - fly).	Listens to stories, accurately anticipating key events	Can segment sounds in simple words and blend them together
5 YEARS OLD	Recognises words that rhyme and determine the odd word out (e.g. cat - mat - big)	Recognises vowels and consonant in syllables. (e.g. cowboy - c-ow b-oy)	Listens to stories and answers questions based on what they heard	Counts sounds in words and spells words using sounds learnt
6 YEARS OLD	recognises words that rhyme but spelt differently (e.g. see -sea)	Deletes syllables from words (e.g. Say 'cupcake'. Take away 'cup' and what is left? cake	Gives their attention to what others say and respond	Uses phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately