

READING TOGETHER AT HOME

Dear Parents / Caregivers

This short document provides you with a process to follow when listening to audio books with young children. Find a quiet and comfortable place to sit so that you can both see and hear the story.

Step 1: Before Listening to the Story

Look at the cover of the story, read the title and ask the following questions:

- 1. What do you think the book is going to be about?
- 2. Does this book remind you of anything else you have read or seen?
- 3. What kind of characters do you think will be in the book?

Step 2: While Listening to the Story Together

After listening to the story once with no interruptions, ask the following questions:

- 1. If you could give the book another title, what would it be?
- 2. Which characters would you like to meet in real life?
- 3. What do you wish was different about the ending?

Step 3: Reading the Story Together

Read along with the audio book. Then ask the following questions:

- 1. If you were that character, what would you have done differently in that situation?
- 2. If the main character in that story lived next door, would you be friends? Why? Why not?
- 3. What new words or facts have you learned so far?

Step 4: After Listening to the Story

After you have finished listening and reading, ask the following questions:

- 1. What was your favourite part of the book? Why?
- 2. Who was your favourite character? Why?
- 3. If you could change one thing in the book, what would it be?