



# Alphabet Soup

*A recipe that cannot fail  
when reading is high on your priority list*

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Would you like to offer your child a fabulous pastime to help him or her do better in school and improve their self-esteem?

By following this recipe, you and your child will savour fine times together every day!

Choose from a wide range of ingredients: after all, variety is the spice of life!

### INGREDIENTS

- A pile of books: short stories, novels, comic books, and so on
- A good dose of shared fun
- A corner of your home converted into a cozy reading nook

### PREPARATION

- Get comfortably settled in your reading nook.
- Let your child select the main ingredients from his or her favourite books.
- Throw a little curiosity into the mix as you skip through the pages together.
- Pour over covers and sift through pictures for story ideas—before things really get cooking!

### DURING COOKING

- Spice up your story by imitating the voices of the different characters.
- Skim over the words with your fingers, ask your child to flip the pages.
- Be attentive to your child's reactions. Who knows? He or she may have questions about how it all ends?

### AFTER COOKING

- Savour your apprentice cook's reactions. Was the story funny? Were the pictures scary? Did the story remind your child of a real-life experience or of something similar that happened once? If your child liked the story, you may have to serve it up more than once!