



Recommended Reading List

Getting your child into the habit of reading on a regular basis is a great way to develop their English and Vocabulary skills in preparation for the 11 plus entrance exam.

Reading is such an important activity. Not only does it help children to identify and understand the use of certain words and figurative language (i.e metaphors, similes, adjectives, etc) within a sentence, it also encourages children to expand their vocabulary.

Whilst getting your child into a routine of reading regularly, it is also important to ensure you expose them to different types of literature such as:

Short stories, poetry, newspaper and magazine articles, letters and diary entries, biography/autobiography etc.

We believe the more variety, the better!

Your child will build a more in-depth understanding of the differences in how these pieces of literature are constructed, the importance of past/present/future tense, direct and indirect speech as well as expanding their vocabulary.

Listed overleaf are books which we recommend for children between the ages of 8-12, however, please remember that reading is not just an activity for children to undertake independently.

As a parent, you can help to nurture your child's passion for reading by bringing the printed words to life with the use of voice, accents, song and actions. You can also help your child to expand their vocabulary by clarifying that they understand the meaning of certain words and phrases. You could even ask them to write a book review or answer some comprehension questions you have set them.

If you find that your child is not suited to any of the selected books KSOL 11 plus tutors have chosen, visit your local library or book shop for inspiration. In fact, we recommend allowing your child to guide you as to what types of books they are interested in to encourage a healthy reading habit!



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Top tip: We always suggest that children create a vocabulary book. They should use this to record any new words that they come across in their reading, along with the meaning so that they can learn the word. Another good activity is to use each of the words in a sentence. This will ensure that they not only understand the word but the context in which it should be used.

Classics



Book Title

Author

<input type="checkbox"/> A Christmas Carol	Charles Dickens
<input type="checkbox"/> A Little Princess	Frances Hodgson Burnett
<input type="checkbox"/> Anne of Green Gables	L. Montgomery
<input type="checkbox"/> Charlotte's Web	E. B. White
<input type="checkbox"/> Goodnight Mister Tom	Michelle Magorian
<input type="checkbox"/> Heidi	Johana Spyri
<input type="checkbox"/> I am David	Anne Holm
<input type="checkbox"/> Little Women	Louisa May Alcott
<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh	Robert O'Brien
<input type="checkbox"/> Peter Pan	J. M. Barrie
<input type="checkbox"/> Silver Sword	Ian Serrailier
<input type="checkbox"/> The Adventures of Huckleberry Fin	Mark Twain
<input type="checkbox"/> The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Mark Twain
<input type="checkbox"/> The Borrowers	Mary Norton
<input type="checkbox"/> The Call of the Wild	Jack London
<input type="checkbox"/> The Dolphin Crossing	Jill Paton Walsh
<input type="checkbox"/> The Endless Steppe	Esther Hautzig
<input type="checkbox"/> The Old Man and the Sea	Ernest Hemingway
<input type="checkbox"/> The Railway Children	E. Nesbit
<input type="checkbox"/> The Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson Burnett
<input type="checkbox"/> The Sword in the Stone	T. H. White
<input type="checkbox"/> The Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Grahame
<input type="checkbox"/> The Wizard of Oz	L. Frank Baum
<input type="checkbox"/> Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stevenson
<input type="checkbox"/> White Fang	Jack London

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Books



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Fantasy

Book Title	Author
<input type="checkbox"/> A Wizard of Earthsea	Ursula Le Guin
<input type="checkbox"/> Artemis Fowl	Eoin Colfer
<input type="checkbox"/> Arthur High King of Britain	Michael Morpurgo
<input type="checkbox"/> Beowulf: Dragon Slayer	Rosemary Sutcliffe
<input type="checkbox"/> Beyond the Deepwoods	Paul Stewart/Chris Riddell
<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge to Terabithia	Katherine Paterson
<input type="checkbox"/> Foxspell	Gillian Rubinstein
<input type="checkbox"/> Harry Potter (Books 1-7)	J. K. Rowling
<input type="checkbox"/> Midnight Over Sanctaphrax	Paul Stewart/Chris Riddell
<input type="checkbox"/> Muddle Earth	Paul Stewart/Chris Riddell
<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Lights Trilogy	Philip Pullman
<input type="checkbox"/> Over Sea, Under Stone	Susan Cooper
<input type="checkbox"/> Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters	Rick Riordan
<input type="checkbox"/> Stormchaser	Paul Stewart/Chris Riddell
<input type="checkbox"/> The Ghost of Thomas Kempe	Penelope Lively
<input type="checkbox"/> The Haunting	Margaret Mahy
<input type="checkbox"/> The Hobbit	J. R. R. Tolkien
<input type="checkbox"/> The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe	C. S. Lewis
<input type="checkbox"/> Tom's Midnight Garden	Philippa Pearce
<input type="checkbox"/> Truckers	Terry Pratchett
<input type="checkbox"/> Wolf Brother	Michelle Paver

General Fiction



Book Title	Author
<input type="checkbox"/> A Boy called M.O.U.S.E	Penny Dolan
<input type="checkbox"/> A Long Way Home	Ann Turnbull
<input type="checkbox"/> Becky Bananas	Jean Ure
<input type="checkbox"/> Billy the Kid	Michael Morpurgo
<input type="checkbox"/> Boy in the Striped Pyjamas	John Boyne
<input type="checkbox"/> Bug Muldoon & the Garden of Fear	Paul Shipton
<input type="checkbox"/> Carrie's War	Nina Bawden
<input type="checkbox"/> Clockwork	Philip Pullman
<input type="checkbox"/> Diary of a Wimpy Kid	Jeff Kinney
<input type="checkbox"/> Dream on	Bali Rai
<input type="checkbox"/> Fireweed	Jill Paton Walsh
<input type="checkbox"/> Flour Babies	Anne Fine
<input type="checkbox"/> Goosebumps Collection	R. L. Stine
<input type="checkbox"/> Granny	Anthony Horowitz
<input type="checkbox"/> Hatchet	Gary Paulsen
<input type="checkbox"/> Hitler's Canary	Sandi Toksvig
<input type="checkbox"/> Holes	Lois Sacher
<input type="checkbox"/> Hurricane Summer	Robert Swindells
<input type="checkbox"/> Jacky Daydream	Jaqueline Wilson
<input type="checkbox"/> Johnnie's Blitz	Bernard Ashley
<input type="checkbox"/> Kensuke's Kingdom	Michael Morpurgo
<input type="checkbox"/> Nancy Parker's Diary of Detection	Julia Lee
<input type="checkbox"/> No Friend of Mine	Ann Turnbull
<input type="checkbox"/> Noughts & Crosses	Malorie Blackman



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<input type="checkbox"/> Parvana's Journey	Deborah Ellis
<input type="checkbox"/> Roald Dahl Collection	Roald Dahl
<input type="checkbox"/> Scribbleboy	Philip Ridley
<input type="checkbox"/> Sir Gawain and the Green Knight	Michael Morpurgo
<input type="checkbox"/> Skellig	David Almond
<input type="checkbox"/> Someone Came Knocking	Anne Merrick
<input type="checkbox"/> Stormbreaker	Anthony Horowitz
<input type="checkbox"/> Street Child	Berlie Doherty
<input type="checkbox"/> The Breadwinner	Deborah Ellis
<input type="checkbox"/> The Edge	Alan Gibbons
<input type="checkbox"/> The Glass Bird Girl	Esme Kerr
<input type="checkbox"/> The Great Elephant Chase	Gillian Cross
<input type="checkbox"/> The Illustrated Mum	Jaqueline Wilson
<input type="checkbox"/> The Midnight Fox	Betsy Byars
<input type="checkbox"/> The Mysterious Adventures of Clemency Wrigglesworth	Julia Lee
<input type="checkbox"/> The Star of Kazan	Eva Ibbotson
<input type="checkbox"/> The Wolves of Willoughby Chase	Joan Aiken
<input type="checkbox"/> Thunder and Lightnings	Jan Mark
<input type="checkbox"/> Tom's Private War	Robert Leeson
<input type="checkbox"/> Tom's War Patrol	Robert Leeson
<input type="checkbox"/> Truth, Lies and Homework	Josephine Feeney
<input type="checkbox"/> Walkabout	James Vance Marshall
<input type="checkbox"/> Young Bond Series	Charlie Higson

Poetry & Short Story Collections

Book Title	Author
<input type="checkbox"/> Aesop's Fables	Aesop
<input type="checkbox"/> A Year full of Stories: 52 Folk Tales & Legends from around the World	Angela McAllister
<input type="checkbox"/> A World of Poetry	Michael Rosen
<input type="checkbox"/> Classic Poems to Read Aloud	James Berry
<input type="checkbox"/> How the Whale Became	Ted Hughes
<input type="checkbox"/> I Like This Poem	Kaye Webb
<input type="checkbox"/> In Deep Water	Michelle Magorian
<input type="checkbox"/> Talking Turkeys	Benjamin Zephaniah
<input type="checkbox"/> This Poem Doesn't Rhyme	Gerard Benson

Other Books I've read:

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