



## Family Activities for How-to Step 3: Oral Reading Practice

Let's review the Family Activity **Practice Reading Out Loud Bookmark**. This bookmark reminds us of the importance of reading with children every day. More proficient readers should read out loud to model what good reading sounds like. Children should practice reading out loud while they receive help from a more proficient reader. One side of this bookmark lists the steps of **Alternated Reading**. *Review the steps for Alternated Reading and model an example. Include family members in the model, either the whole family or members who volunteer.*

The other side of the bookmark describes the process of **Reading Together**. It also lists questions your child can ask himself or herself to ensure that he or she is reading fluently. *Review the steps and questions for Reading Together and model an example. Include family members in the model, either the whole family or members who volunteer.*

Suggested **Books to Share** as you practice **Alternated Reading** and **Reading Together** are also included. *Add appropriate books that families can borrow from your classroom library, the school library, the public library, or any other appropriate source.*



## Family Literacy Video

Let's watch a mom and her son engage in **Alternated Reading**. *Review key points before or after the video. Answer family questions about the video.*

### 4.3 Practice Reading Out Loud (*Afternoon on the Amazon*) (4:23)

#### Key Points about the Video

- Mom explains to her son what a prologue is (an introduction to the book that tells what happened before chapter 1).
- Mom and her son take turns reading so that mom can model fluent reading (reading correctly, at a conversational pace, and with expression).
- Mom gives her son tips on how to read with expression by reminding him what to do at periods, question marks, and exclamation marks.

Take the Family Activity home and have fun practicing reading out loud. The encouragement and support children receive as they read out loud will help them become more fluent and confident readers. As you read with your child, remember to be patient because reading is a skill that takes a lot of practice. Tell your child how proud you are that he or she is practicing reading!