

50 ways to say 'Well done!'

Praise makes a big difference to children when they're learning to read. Sometimes it's hard to find the best thing to say, or write on their reading records for school. These words should help.

Thrills: how they feel about reading and how much they enjoy it

- You concentrated really well
- I noticed you couldn't put your book down
- You did a lot of hard work there
- I know you didn't want to stop
- I know you enjoyed every minute of that book
- You love that book don't you!
- You try so hard
- You nearly read the whole chapter
- You read to the end for the first time - well done

Skills 1: reading words correctly

- Such careful reading!
- You did well to work out long words
- You didn't need much help
- You hardly made any mistakes
- You are getting the knack!
- You looked at the words carefully
- You managed some tricky words
- You were perfect from start to finish
- You read the long words straight off
- You are remembering more sounds

Skills 2: understanding what they read

- You asked about the meaning - well done
- You can re-tell the story
- It was good to be able to talk about the book
- You have a really good understanding
- You found out what it was about
- You looked up new words
- You are understanding more of the story
- You really try hard to understand
- You have understood the hard words

Skills 3: the way they read and the style they use

- You were careful all the way through
- That was much clearer reading
- Your confidence is growing fast
- You are really determined to read well aren't you?
- You have stopped rushing
- You noticed all the full stops and commas
- You read nearly all that by yourself
- You read with lots of expression
- You sounded like an actor!
- You used lots of voices