

Independent Reading Log — Setting Up a Reading Practice

Base Sheet

The child sets up an independent reading log to track daily reading: book title, pages read, time spent, and a one-sentence response. This establishes a habit of self-directed reading and reflective practice.

What You Need:

- Blank reading log (created or printed)
- A selection of books at the child's reading level
- Timer
- Pencil
- Bookmark

Steps:

1. 'Readers grow by reading every day. Today we set up a READING LOG to track your reading journey.'
2. Create the log: columns for Date, Book Title, Pages Read, Minutes Read, One Sentence (what happened or what you thought)
3. The child selects a book for independent reading (at their level or slightly below for fluency)
4. Read independently for 15 minutes while the parent times.
5. Fill in the reading log: date, title, pages, minutes, response sentence.
6. 'How did it feel to read on your own for 15 minutes? Was it easy to keep going?'
7. Set a daily reading goal: 'Try to read 15-20 minutes every day and record it in your log!'

Work Space:

