

Independent Reading Log — Setting Up a Reading Practice

Activity Sheet

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:

A large, dashed rectangular box occupies the bottom half of the page, intended for the child to write in. It is bounded by a thick brown dashed line.

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