



1. Check that the Author video and the SoundingBoard file are both working and ready to use.
2. Find a quiet comfy space to read together.
3. Have the digital book/hard copy ready, along with the SoundingBoard on your iOS device
4. Look at the SoundingBoard together. Talk about each picture symbol, naming the characters and explaining what each word means whilst pointing to the symbol.
5. Remind your child that they have a 'turn the page' button for when they are ready to move on and an 'again' button to hear a page or part of the story again.
6. Watch the Author video once through together, listening and engaging in the story, without asking specific questions.
7. Read the story again. As you listen to the story, you can use the Space bar on your PC or the play/pause button on the tablet screen to pause the story, as appropriate. This will give your child time to comment or respond to a question about the story, using the symbols.
8. To encourage your child to respond, 'model' use of the symbols by pointing to them and using them yourself. You could also use a puppet or favourite cuddly toy to 'model' the communication.
9. Respond positively to whatever your child tries to communicate during the story time, this is a special time to spend together and should be as relaxed as possible.
10. Enjoy being close and connected to your child and remember, stories are fun! Enjoy yourselves 😊