

20 Personal Reading Challenges for Kids

Get inspired to discover new books while nudging yourself out of your comfort zone with these book challenges.

1. Read during recess.
2. Read an interactive history or geography book.
3. Read a comic book with a cover that tells part of the story.
4. Go with your parents to pick out a book from your library. Inquire about kids' reading programs while you're there.
5. Read a fiction book in which a main character shares your first name.
6. Read a train-themed book while taking a train with your parents.
7. Reread the first book you ever read by yourself.
8. Read a book on plants; then collect and identify leaves to make a plant scrapbook.
9. Read a children's book from more than 50 years ago. How does it compare with the last book you read?
10. Read a children's science fiction short story. Share with your parents what you think is better or worse about the story's vision of the future.
11. Find books with characters from your favorite movie. Do they look and behave the same as they appeared on the screen?
12. Read historical children's fiction that takes place in Europe. What cultural traditions and institutions do you recognize?
13. Choose a Dewey Decimal number between 700 and 899. Discover books in the domains of arts/recreation and literature. If the book you select is too difficult, feel free to pick a different number.
14. Read an autobiography of an athlete you admire. How was this person's childhood similar to yours?
15. Learn to make a fun dessert with your parents' help.
16. Act out a kids' version of an ancient Greek play (such as *Antigone* or *Medea*) with your family or friends.
17. Choose a book that is set in a town similar to yours.
18. Read a work of historical fiction written in first person by someone of a different gender.
19. Choose a book to read with your parents and alternate who reads each page out loud.
20. Read your mom's favorite book when she was a kid.

