

Blue Band readers can...

- Read a wide range of longer books
- Read with accuracy and self-correct mistakes including words that can't be sounded out such as 'said', 'was'
- Follow print with eyes, finger pointing occasionally
- Recognise punctuation and begin to use some expression
- Check the meaning of words
- Retell the story in detail
- Re-read the words and use understanding of the text to decide pronunciation
- Read the story again with fluency

How to help...

- Ask them what they think will happen next? (throughout the text)
- Show how different punctuation changes the way you read

Questions you could ask

- What was your favourite part?
Why?
- Was it a fiction or non-fiction book?
How do you know?
- How was the character feeling?
Why?
- Can you describe one of the characters?
- Can you describe one of the settings?
- What did you like or not like about the story?
- What information did you find out?
- What would like to find more about?

