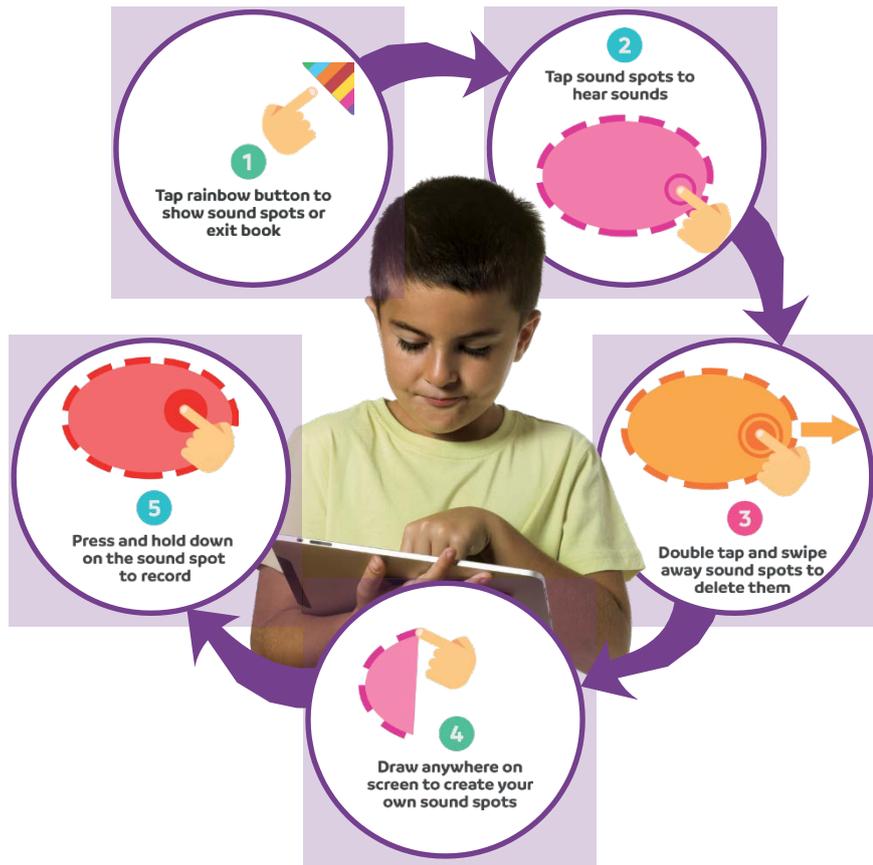




Educator's Guide

Booki is an interactive, engaging and educational reading experience for children aged 2-10 years, that includes both English and Arabic books.

This unique resource encourages the child to listen to the audio text and read-along as well as record their own voice and create hotspots to enhance the story with their own sounds and words.



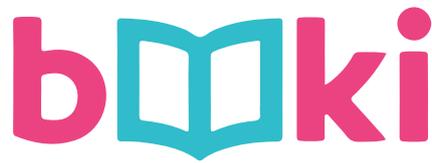
Pedagogy

Children are stimulated by multi-sensory learning: combining sound with text and images makes for a deeper learning experience. Images are a key component in this multi-sensory approach, since images are the principal means by which we store memories.

As a reading resource, *Booki* gives opportunities for intensive plus extensive reading; both skills that are necessary to master reading and listening.

✓ Reading while listening (RWL) is known to:

- Yield better comprehension results than either reading or listening in isolation
- Increase reading speed
- Aid word recognition (both written and spoken)



Techniques for teachers and parents

Before reading

Thinking and conversation skills, whole topic development

1. Use the title and the pictures to speculate about the story. You can also do this page by page with a picture story.
2. Talk about similar stories or subjects (e.g. Elmer the Elephant, ask them if they know any elephant stories, what they know about elephants etc).

During reading

Reading, language development, communication and comprehension skills

1. After they have heard the text on a page, ask the child to find an individual word on it.
2. Pause the audio and try to prompt the next (key) word from the child.
3. Get the child to read and listen in another room; then periodically to run through to you and update you on what is going on in the story before going back to listen to more.
4. Pause the audio after a piece of dialogue, and ask the child to imitate the voices of the characters.

After reading

Critical thinking skills, core literacy and writing

1. Ask general, open questions about the story: Did you enjoy it? Why? Did you like the ending? Etc.
2. Get the child to write a one sentence summary of the story or (for younger children) a very short comment or even to draw a picture to show what happened.

Active reading: tips for parents

One of the difficulties with encouraging reading at home rather than at school - is the child's perception that it's too much like work. What is essentially a passive skill can be made more fun with the use of sound effects and images, but the key to real engagement is to make reading an *active* learning experience.

The Booki app allows readers to add their own voices to the story by creating a 'hotspot' on each page. This function can then be used to:

- repeat the pronunciation of particular words and phrases
- add a sound effect
- add dialogue / give a voice to one of the characters
- translate the narration or part of it
- add reader commentary