

National Geographic Kids Reader: Go, Cub!

Notes for parents: reading this book with your child

- Before you share this book with your child, look at the front cover and ask what a cub is. Look carefully at the picture together and talk about what they can see – noticing its whiskers and furry chin. Recall any experiences you have from a visit to the zoo, stories you have shared, or seeing lions on television and in films.
- Here are some ways you can help your child as they learn to read:
 - Read the book together, looking at the pictures of the cubs and lions.
 - Help with any unfamiliar words.
 - Encourage children to sound out words. Even if they can't sound out the whole word, they may be able to sound out part of it, and this may help them read the word.
 - Encourage them to use the pictures to work out unfamiliar words and think about what word would make sense.
 - If your child gets stuck, read the book together, so that they don't lose their confidence.
 - Give them lots of praise and encouragement as they tackle new words.
- Ask your child to recount what lion cubs like to do. See how many names of other young creatures you can name together, e.g. kittens, puppies. Think of any other creatures who have cubs, e.g. bears