

National Geographic Kids Reader: Jump, Puppy!

Notes for parents: reading this book with your child

- Before you share this book with your child, look at the front cover and talk about what you can see in the picture. Discuss any experiences your child has with puppies, talking about your own puppy, or one that a child has played with/seen in a film or television programme.
- This book has lots of action words (*catch, wag, tug*). Notice them with your child and talk about other words to describe the actions.
- Here are some ways you can help your child as they learn to read:
 - Read the book together, enjoying the cute pictures.
 - Help children with unfamiliar words and emphasise the action words.
 - Encourage them to sound familiar words out. 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 also use the pictures and meaning, and think about what word would make sense, e.g. *yawn*.
 - If your child gets stuck, read and enjoy the book together, so that they don't lose their confidence.
 - Give them lots of praise and encouragement!
- Discuss what puppies like to do and try to think of some other ideas too. Think about the mischief that some puppies can get up to.