

National Geographic Kids Readers: Albert Einstein

Notes for parents: reading this book with your child

- Before your child shares this book with you, look at the front cover and read Albert Einstein's name. Ask your child to suggest what they think he is famous for.
- Explain that Einstein was a scientist, and that some people think he was a genius! Ask your child if he or she knows anyone else who might be considered a genius.
- Look at the contents list together. Predict what might happen in the chapter entitled 'Miracle Year'.
- Here are some ways you can help your child as they learn to read more complex information books:
 - Look through the contents list together, and talk about how the book is organised.
 - Listen as your child reads and help them with more challenging words, e.g. the names of places mentioned (p14).
 - Support your child to understand more complex ideas through discussion and making connections to things that are familiar to them.
 - Look at the glossary together and read the words and explanations, e.g. to understand what an atom is.
 - Relate some of the glossary words to your child's wider experiences, e.g. if they have experiences of solar eclipses.
 - Ask your child simple questions as you read together to check their understanding.
 - Discuss parts of the book that your child can relate to, e.g. based on the 'In His Time' pages, encourage your child to explain how life in Germany in the 1880s was different to their life now.
 - Give them lots of praise and encouragement!
- Enjoy taking the quiz together and searching for the answers using the contents list and index where they are helpful.