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# Time to Read **MAKE WORDS COME TO LIFE**

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Time to Read is a volunteering initiative designed to help improve the literacy skills of primary school children, and help them foster a love of reading. It encourages self-confidence and improves social skills.

#### Who is involved?

You and two or three primary school children.

### What does it cost?

It doesn't cost you a penny, we just need one hour of your time each week.

#### Where does it happen?

In a primary school close to your home or place of work.

### What does it involve?

One hour each week to do one-to-one paired reading with children selected by the school.

## Why get involved?

Evidence shows that this literacy intervention works. **Personal development** and **a huge sense of achievement** are just two of the personal benefits volunteers experience.

#### How does it work?

We match you with a local school, who will select two or three pupils, who will best benefit from your support. The initial commitment is for one academic year (flexible options available), with the option to extend. We provide training and handle the AccessNI clearance process. All you have to do is turn up and enjoy the sessions.

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