

# Reading Activity Ideas

Launching reading-related activities along **Read to Feed** program can get participants motivated and enrich their reading experiences. You may change or adapt below reading activity ideas to suit your program needs. If you have any new ideas, feel free to share with us!

**Level of preparation the activity needed :**

- ★ – Very little
- ★★ – May need some preparation
- ★★★ – Take some time and efforts but students will definitely be more motivated and have fun



## For Individual or Small Group

### Setting Reading / Fundraising Target ★

Setting a goal and keeping track of the record can get participant motivated. To make it fun, you may even use animals, food or anything he/she likes to replace the numbers.  
**For school / organization :** Announce the total books read and fund raised at the end of the program, or hold a cheque presentation ceremony to recognize participants' effort

### Animal Theme ★

Learn about how giving animals can help with the use of “**Cheers for Animals!**” leaflet. You can also make use of the fun worksheets.

**Even Better :** Pick an animal and ask participants to design a bookmark, thank you card or even write a story to show how animals can help end poverty

**For school / organization :** Hold a competition. Ask participants to pick the best design or story.

### Design a New Book Cover ★★

Pick a random book to read and design a new book cover by using skills such as torn paper, paper collage, finger painting and sponge painting, etc.

### Re-write the Ending ★

The story ending make you feel so sad? No worry! Let's re-write it.



### Letter to your favorite book character ★

Ask participants to write a letter to their favorite book characters

**For school / organization :** Place a letter collection box and ask teachers to help reply to their letters.



### Guess the Book ★

Pick a book and let others to guess the book Title by giving hints and making actions.

### Read Aloud ★

Spend regular time reading to the participant

#### Even Better :

- Ask questions every so often to find out what everyone thinks might happen next
- Break a story into sections and have cliff-hanger ending for each session so as to keep the participants coming back
- Apart from following the participants' preferences, introduce new types of books to expand their horizons and spark new interest
- Read aloud outdoor! So as to create a positive reading experience

### Reading Buddies ★

Ask participants to share their selected books in pairs or to the class.

**Even Better :** Group 5-6 participants and ask them to presents the story to the class by role playing or other formats.

### Six Ws ★

After reading a story, ask participants questions about the six Ws ( **Who, When, Where, What, Why, How** ) to see how well they know about the story.

### Make a New Story ★

Divide the class into several groups and assign a story for each group. Ask them to write down the six Ws in separate pieces of papers. Collect them all and ask them to pick a new set of six Ws. Create a new story based on that.

**Even Better :** Have participants to role-play their newly assembled stories to the class.

### Student's Choice of the Week ★★

Invite participants to recommend books for the others. Designate an area of the board for Student's choice of the week and renew every week or month.

#### Even Better :

- Decorate the board with a theme, i.e. Reading tree - draw a large tree trunk and ask participants to write down the review on a leaf-shaped paper
- Desert island reads - Ask students which books they would take to a desert island, and adopt a "message in a bottle" motif on the book reviews

## For School / Organization

### DEAR ★★

At specific time of each day or week, upon hearing a signal (i.e. cow mooing), the whole school/ organization Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) for 10-20 minutes. Students can read any types of materials of their levels.

**Even Better:** Invite principal, teacher or parent to read aloud his / her favorite story when he / she were small.

### Visit by Hei Hei (Heifer mascot) ★★

Invite Hei Hei to your school / organization to encourage students to join Read to Feed and boost morale.

(Delivery and person to wear the mascot shall be arranged by school.)



### Competitions ★★★

Friendly competitions create a positive environment and add excitement. It is also an excellent motivator to encourage students (especially reluctant readers) to read / participate in Read to Feed. Consider:

- Reading / writing related competitions such as storytelling, good book sharing and story writing competitions etc., to raise students' interest in reading and writing.
- Competitions with themes of animal / poverty such as bookmark, Christmas card for farmers or classroom board design competitions

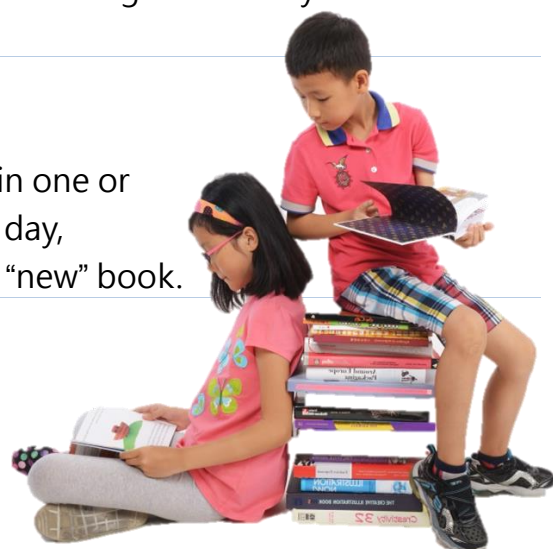
### Virtual Chat with an Author ★★★

Before introducing the activity, email the author to see whether he/she is willing to participate in a discussion with your students. Upon having his/her consent, select a number of questions proposed by students and email him/her. Post the author's reply on a bulletin board for all to read.

**Even Better:** Have students read the author's book while doing this activity or even invite the author to have a sharing session with participants

### Book Swap ★★★

For a given period of time (e.g. a week) readers bring in one or more books they've finished or outgrown. On a given day, participants take turn to visit the library and choose a "new" book.



### Little Book Buyer ★★★

Involve students in choosing reading materials for the library. For example, browsing the book catalogues with them and voting on the titles you could order. This gives them a sense of ownership of the books and hence increases reading motivation.

### What's your favorite read? ★★★

Ask students to video interviews with each other about their favorite reads. Play it on school TV (if available), in the library, or upload to the school website.

### Treasure Hunt ★★★

Organize a treasure hunt in the library where students will find riddles / questions in different parts of the library. Each answer will lead them to another part of the library where they will find another riddle... More time and effort is required for this activity, but students will love it very much!

### Dress Up Day ★★★

Have participants dress as characters from their favorite books on this day. Costumes need not be elaborate; a few props are often enough. Hats, vests, belts, scarves, and any accessories that would be appropriate to the character can create a costume. For example, a hat or a vest made with black and white paper can be a cow costume.



**Even Better** : Play “Guess Who I Am” game on this day – Invite a participant to speak / act as the book character. Other participants ask questions until the name of the character is correctly guessed.

### Reading Carnival ★★★

Invite each class to hold a game booth with reading or books as themes in the carnival. Have activities such as Book character dress-up and Book swap on the same day.

