

Ten Minutes or Two Hours

Do you read at bedtime? Great! Keep it up. But those 10 minutes of reading can become 2 hours. Literacy is all through the day.

📖 As you walk or ride along the street,
read signs.



📖 When you look at the TV schedule,
read it with the children. Show them how to read the time line and the
channels. “What is on at 6:00?”

📖 As long as we are talking about TV, read the words on the screen.
“Sale at Sun Furniture”

📖 Then turn off the TV and read. Read anything—cookbooks, mail,
bills, magazines, ANYTHING! Read junk mail and ads together.
Show children how much things cost. They will learn to read
numbers.

📖 Read boxes... cereal boxes, game boxes, food
packages, shampoo labels, ANYTHING!

📖 Children’s clothes have all kinds of words. Read them as you put
them on and take them off. They have all kinds of words... Mickey
Mouse, Nike, Size 6, 100% Cotton...jknkm

*Add up all the time you are reading with your children. You will have 2
hours in no time.*

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