



Reading Coach Role

The role of a FRED Reading Coach is to regularly support an adult learner to improve their reading skills.

Activities:

- meeting with your learner at agreed times for a learning sessions (see Time & Location below)
- working through the Turning Pages scheme with your learner using the Coach pages as your guide
- recognising your learner's progress and feeding back to your learner and the Coach Coordinator
- attending regular good practice sharing/training meetings with other FRED Coaches

Indicators of Success:

The success of your Coaching will be indicated by:

- the number of learning sessions you and your learner achieve each month
- your learner's progress through the Turning Pages scheme as recorded in the book
- your learner's readiness to move on to supported reading when appropriate
- your learner's desire to leave your support and move on to a new stage of learning

You will also discover other less tangible but equally valid indicators of your successful Coaching, such as:

- increased self-confidence in your learner and also in yourself as a reading Coach
- improved sense of self-worth in your learner
- increased learner desire to try new things that may require some literacy skills

Qualifications - This role requires no formal qualifications. You need to be a confident reader and enjoy reading. You must be committed to the value of coaching with the Turning Pages scheme and to your own development as a successful reading Coach.

Time - You and your learner decide together the dates and times for learning sessions. You should aim for at least two sessions a week, though three are preferable. Sessions should include no more than 20 - 30 minutes of concentrated learning, plus time either side for conversation and completing the learning log.

Location – You must only meet your learner at an approved FRED learning venue. FRED tries to keep the amount of travelling to a minimum in order to reduce the demands on your time and on FRED's expense budget.

Supervision – FRED's Coach Coordinator will be your main source of support and advice. FRED has stringent quality assurance procedures to protect you and ensure that the quality of learning is always of the highest standard.

Costs - FRED will provide all learning resources and cover your travel expenses, insurance costs and the cost of refreshments (if available at the location) during learning sessions.