

Sharing books



Find a quiet place. Turn off the TV or radio so there are no distractions.

- **Wait and see** how your child wants to share the book
- Sometimes **wait** and let them talk first
- Talk about **what your child points to or looks at** in the pictures.
- Give your child **time** to respond to your talking

Making reading fun:

- **Pretend to be characters** from books when playing and talking with your child
- **Use puppets and toys** to make the stories come alive
- **Don't read for too long** - little and often is best

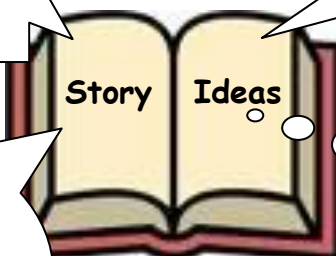


- **Don't put any pressure on your child** to name the pictures
- **Make comments** rather than ask questions e.g. 'That dog's running fast' rather than 'what's that?' ... 'what's he doing?'
- If your child names the pictures or copies your words, **praise him/her** and **say the words again**

Make your own books e.g. using photos, catalogues etc. Use family names, favourite things to see or do.

Choose books with a repeating phrase e.g. 'oh dear' - or make one up!

Make up a simple story you can use in everyday situations e.g. when getting in the car, getting dressed etc.



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Share favourite books again and again. Repetition helps children understand and remember the language they hear.