

Sharing Books



Sharing books with a familiar adult is a wonderful activity to help your child learn new words and learn about the world around them

Choose books that are suitable for your child's age and stage. Simple picture books with nice bold pictures are suitable for younger children with shorter attention spans and limited language. Simple lift the flap books and touchy feely books with different textures are also appealing to young children and will captivate their interest.

- ✓ Find a nice comfortable spot to sit together and remember to turn off any background noise
- ✓ Talk to your child about the pictures you can both see on the page. Point to the pictures and describe them using simple language and give your child time to look at them
- ✓ Vary your tone of voice and make your words sound fun and exciting
- ✓ Remember to pause and allow your child chance to respond. They may try to copy a word you used or a sound you made
- ✓ Follow your child's interest and name and describe any pictures that they point out themselves.



- ✓ Model words for your child if they do copy your words or sounds be sure to praise them and say the word again in response
- ✓ Add actions and sounds to describe things like vehicles and animals that are in the story. This will help to keep your child's attention and make it fun.
- ✓ Keep it short. It is better to share a short story and keep your child's interest throughout than to read for too long and lose their attention
- ✓ Repeat favourite stories. Repetition is really useful as it will help them learn and remember the language they hear.