

Sharing Books

Why look at books together?

Sharing books sparks imagination, builds connection through talk and creates the ideal environment for speech, language and communication development.

How to make sharing books helpful: 5 quick tips

1. Pause and talk

“Ahh, Hatty got the prize!”, “I can’t believe he was the prince all along!”

Help language and understanding to bloom by taking little breaks from the story to share ideas and thoughts.

2. Pick picture-packed books!

“Yes! He’s running away, I wonder who from?”, “Ah, I’d like a pet cheetah too!”

Interesting pictures invite big ideas and brilliant child-led chitter chatter!

3. Bring feelings to life!

“Ben ate Teddy’s sandwich... oh, I think Teddy’s CROSS!”

Comment on emotions and act them out with your face and voice - it helps children understand how characters might feel.

4. Help your child discover new words

“Mousey scuttled around the corner – What could scuttle mean?”

Explore the meaning of new words together. Every new word opens a door to learning and imagination!

5. Select stories bursting with your child’s tricky sounds!

Pick tales filled with your child’s tricky sounds – zoos and zany zebras for z! Fantastic foxes, fairies, fish and farmyards for f!

Got a sound your child finds hard to say? The more they hear it, the more it helps.

