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How to share a book with your child



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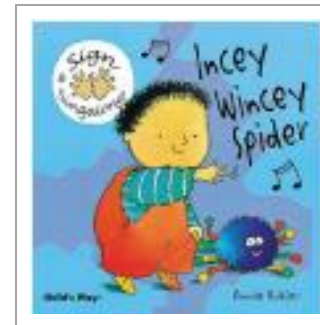


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Examples of good books to share



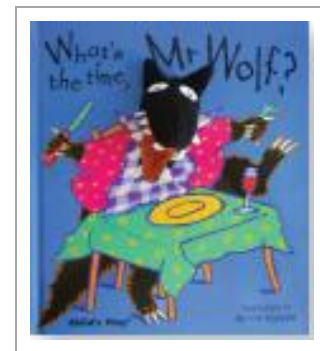
Incey Wincey Spider - Sign and singalong series

by Annie Kubler

Child's Play

ISBN: 978 1904550037

A series of bright, colourful books featuring children showing signs and actions to accompany simple rhymes like Incey Wincey Spider and Teddy Bear Teddy Bear.



What's the time, Mr Wolf?

by Annie Kubler

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ISBN: 978 0859539449

A captivating story of wolves with dinner on their minds. The wolf finger-puppet attached to the book brings the story to life and is great fun for snapping at little fingers, and clocks on each page help learn to tell the time.

Keeping it fun

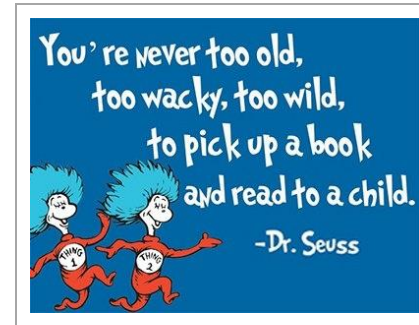
You know best what your child enjoys but here are some ideas on making sharing books as fun as possible.

- Use real life objects or make props to help tell the story
- Play at dressing up as characters and act out simple scenes from the story
- Using funny facial expressions can help to keep children entertained
- Try using puppets
- Let children tell you the story themselves, using their own toys and props

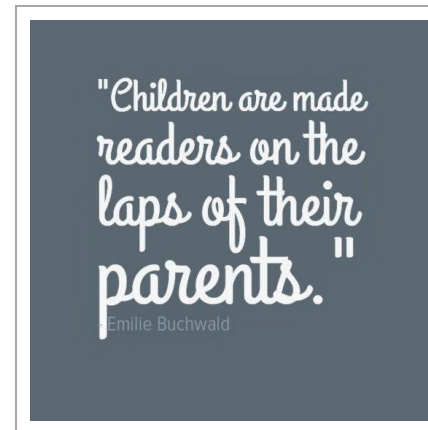
Make a story sack! A great way of bringing stories to life, a story sack is a large cloth bag containing a children's book with interactive materials to make reading even more fun.

- Be aware that there will be times when your child will be more or less engaged depending on their mood. But don't let that put you off!!

Importance of sharing books



Reading together is a great way to bond with your child and helps to build a strong and loving relationship. It offers a time for closeness, talking and laughing together.



Sharing books and stories help children to:

- Understand the world around them
- Develop social and emotional skills
- Build confidence with communication
- Strengthen their bond with you and other family members

Tips to enjoy books together

- Make time - find somewhere quiet, cosy and free from distractions - turn off the TV/Computer/tablet
- Get your child to select the book - even if from a choice of 2. If they choose it they are more likely to engage with it. It shows their views matter.
- Snuggle up - encourage your child to hold the book and possibly turn the pages
- Get them to point to things in the pictures, tell or sign things from the pictures
- Try to involve them ask them questions e.g. what colour hair has he got? How does the character feel?



Make it fun!!! Use funny voices, make silly faces or gestures to bring the story alive for your child. Most importantly enjoy the time together.

What should you read?



You can read anything!
(cereal packets, road signs, comics)

You can read the same book over and over again. Familiar books are comforting and build confidence.

Books don't have to be full of words. Picture books are perfect for sharing with your child.

Visit your local library and find out what your child likes.

Ask teachers, librarians and other parents to recommend books.

