

Top Tips for Sharing Stories Together



Shared Reading



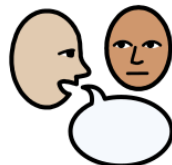
Choose a quiet, cosy space to share a book.



Choose stories with clear, colourful pictures with lots to see and talk about.



If your child finds it hard to sit still, just look at one or two pages or even just the front cover.



Tell them what you can see in the pictures.



Play 'can you find it' using the pictures. E.g. Can you find the dog? and get your child to point to the dog. Then say, 'Yes, it's a dog'.



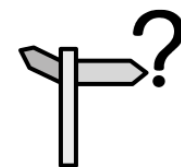
Ask them what colours they can see in the pictures.



Give your child time to think and talk. Allow 10 seconds before you speak to them again.



Ask simple 'who' is in the book questions.



Ask simple 'where' questions about the book.



Talk about what you can see in the pictures.



Thank and praise them for sharing the book with you.



Link events that happen in the story to real events in your child's life. E.g. remember when we had a birthday party? We went to the seaside too! Grandma has a pet dog doesn't she?