

How to Read With Your Child

- 1. Read slowly and naturally.** Pronounce the words carefully.
- 2. Read with interest.** Make your voice expressive. If you are interested, your child will be too.
- 3. Use different voices.** Give different voices or other qualities to the different characters in the story. Let your child come up with different voices.
- 4. Pause in your reading and encourage your child to notice, point to, and name objects in the pictures; talk about the pictures, story, and characters.**
Name the objects your child points to. Pose questions such as “I wonder what will happen next.”
- 5. Follow up on what you’ve just read.** Through regular daily activities, point out similarities between the objects, ideas, and feelings in the book and your child’s experiences. Visit the kinds of places and do the kinds of things that appear in the book. Make up stories and play games that build on the book’s ideas.

