



# 5 Tips for Reading with Your Child

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## Use Books with Photos

Books with simple photos of faces are among the most engaging for children. Young kids prefer looking at faces with different expressions—great for social-emotional learning! Studies have shown that babies look longer at faces than other images.

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## Don't worry about finishing!

Your child might not be ready to listen to a whole book just yet. Let them play with the pages, turn it upside down, or spend the whole time looking at just one or two pages. They are learning so much at once and will LOVE if you are patient and follow their lead.

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## Build Reading Routines

Add reading time into each day— before nap, at bedtime, even during meals! You'll remember to do it because it's part of the routine and your child will get so many opportunities to explore books!

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## Listen AND Talk

First, observe which pages your child is most interested in. Then, either imitate what they say or YOU can say a sound or word that goes with the picture. If your child is interested, talk even more about what they see. Be sure to leave time to just listen to their ideas too!

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## Repeat, repeat, repeat

Your child will love reading the same books over and over again. They'll learn the text and expect the words that are coming next. Eventually, if you use a powerful pause before the last word or words on a page—your child just may say them for you!