

Sharing Stories with your Toddler



Read Early! Read Often!

Sharing books with your toddler has many benefits. It helps children to develop listening and attention skills and hear lots of words. This helps children to understand the meaning of words and, eventually, to say these words themselves!

Children between 18 months and six years learn up to 8 words a day and sharing books can really help this learning.

Reading to your toddler shows them that you think reading is important and can help young children to develop a lifelong love for books.

Here are some simple tips for sharing stories with toddlers:

Try to sit in a way that your baby can see your face and your expression



Let your child help to turn the pages. Don't worry about skipping pages!



Go slow and remember to wait after talking about a picture. Wait to see what your child does next



Use your child's name in the story, they might get a surprise!



Talk about your child's favourite person or character in the story



Use actions and silly voices to keep your child interested and having fun!

