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BEFORE YOU READ

You help your child to understand the text if you talk about the book before you read it.

For example, you can:

- read the title of the book, the name of the author and illustrator
- talk about the illustration on the cover of the book
- talk about what the book may be about
- read the back cover of the book
- look at the list of contents or chapter overview
- leaf through the book and talk about the illustrations



WHAT DO YOU THINK HAPPENS IN THE NEXT PARAGRAPH?

AFTER YOU HAVE READ

You help your child to understand the text if you talk about the book after you have read it.

For example, you can:

- talk about what the book was about
- look at the book's illustrations and talk about the content based on the illustrations
- talk about things your child recognises from daily life or other books
- talk about what your child thinks is the most exciting or surprising thing in the book
- talk about new words and use the words from the book in many other contexts

You also help your child when you talk about what words and letters look like and sound.



WHAT DO YOU THINK THE BOOK IS ABOUT?

WHILE YOU ARE READING

You help your child to understand the text if you talk about the book while you are reading it.

For example, you can:

- talk about what words or phrases mean
- talk about what you see in the illustrations
- point at illustrations and text
- read one paragraph at a time and talk about what it is about
- talk about what you think the next paragraph is about. Perhaps the heading of the next paragraph or the illustrations can help your child to guess and tell.



IT WAS JUST LIKE THE TIME I ...