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BEFORE YOU READ

You can help your child by directing his or her attention to the book if you talk about it before you begin reading.

For example, you can:

- touch the book, leaf through it, and talk about the illustrations
- talk about the title and illustration on the cover of the book
- talk about the story
- look at the back cover of the book
- talk about what your child already knows about the story.



AFTER YOU HAVE READ

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

For example, you can:

- talk about and show what the book is about
- look at the illustrations in the book and talk about the content based on the illustrations
- talk about the things your child recognizes from daily life
- talk about what your child thinks is the most exciting part of the book
- talk about and show new words and use the words from the book in other contexts
- find specific objects that are mentioned in the book.

If your child does not answer your questions, you can help by giving him or her suggestions for answers or answer yourself. You can also repeat what your child says and expand the sentence. Remember that your child's answer may also be shown with body language and facial expressions.



WHILE YOU READ

You can help your child understand the content if you talk about it while you read.

For example, you can:

- talk about what you see in the illustrations. Give words to things, actions and emotions
- point at the illustrations and text
- talk about and show what the words or phrases mean
- talk about what your child shows interest in
- read a few sentences at a time and talk about what they are about
- talk about how you think the story will continue on the next page. Perhaps the illustrations can help your child to guess and tell you.

