

Tips to Share ANY Story ANY Book

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Read Aloud Tips compiled from:

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- 1 Find the best time to share books, by following your child's natural rhythms.
Look for times your child is calm and attentive.
- 2 Point to pictures and name objects.
- 3 Read at the same time everyday- build it into your daily routines.
- 4 Use eye gaze to elicit participation.
- 5 Joint Attention- follow your child's lead- what interests them. Minimal Distractions
- 6 Keep a book in your bag- even short periods of reading are beneficial.
- 7 Choose books your child likes.
- 8 Cuddle and Snuggle while reading to create a secure and warm environment.
- 9 Expand on book ideas, don't be limited by the words on the page.
- 10 Position the book, so your child can see your face, sign and the book.
- 11 Vary where you sign- sometimes on the page, on your child, then back on the book.
- 12 Sign Together!
- 13 Have Fun! Make your time together positive.
- 14 Tap, wave or reposition the book- to keep your child's attention.
- 15 Be DRAMATIC - exaggerate your facial expressions
- 16 Talk about the story- ask questions.
- 17 Use gestures to act out parts you don't know how to sign. (Channel your inner Russian Coach.)

Step One:

Describe the picture/setting

Step Two:

Sign the words

Fingerspell if needed

Identify the object- then ACT OUT and Use Classifiers.