

Reading stories with your child

1. **Find a quiet space** for you and your child.
2. **Look at the front cover** of the book and talk about what you see in the picture. Wonder aloud what you think the story might be about.
3. **Take a 'picture walk'** through the book and talk about what you see in the pictures.
4. As you read the story **discuss questions** such as:
 - Who, what, when, where, why
 - What do you think about....
 - I wonder
 - What do you think happens next?
5. **Relate events in the story to your child's life** –
 - For example, 'Do you remember when we went to the zoo/countryside/shop?'
7. **Discuss the meanings of words, e.g. position words (up, down, next to, behind, beside etc.) or unusual words** You could act them out with your child or look up the meanings on google or in a dictionary.

