

Read a Book, Ask a Question

Primary Objectives

18a. Interacts during reading experiences, book conversations, and text reflections

Why It's Important

Children who can look at a book and identify objects on the page comprehend what they see. If your child can answer questions about content, she understands what she hears. Asking questions about a book while you read together can help your child develop her ability to interpret pictures and words on the pages.

Materials

None

What You Do

1. Each time you invite your child to read with you, make the reading interactive. Ask questions about each page of the book. *What kind of animal is Clifford? What color is he?* Encourage your child to ask a question if she is unsure about something in the story.
2. Ask her a variety of questions that she can answer verbally or nonverbally, as appropriate. *Cindy, where is Clifford's tail? Can you tell me what Clifford has in his mouth? Where do you think he going next?* Vary the questions you ask. Start with simple questions and then move on to more complex ones if your child is ready.
3. Observe your child's comprehension of the pictures and words. Notice any distress if she is unable to answer the questions you ask.
4. Because children thrive on repetition, your child may want you to read the same books and ask the same questions each time. This is a great way to build her confidence and comfort with books.