

STORY TELLING AT HOME

EASY TIPS FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

TELL STORIES



Tell your children stories and ask them to tell stories to you or other family members. Stories could be passed down through the family or made up using the imagination. Tell stories in a simple and dramatic way to help your children understand. Add actions, dialogue, and sounds to the story. Repeat stories several times each week to help children learn. Ask older children to tell the stories back to you.

READ AND WRITE STORIES

Read stories with your children and encourage them to write their own. If a parent is unable to read or is short on time, ask an older sibling to read to or with the children. If you don't have books at home, ask your nearest school or library to borrow some or share books with neighboring families. If you have a smart phone, you can access hundreds of books virtually, via apps/websites such as those at booksmart.worldreader.org or digitallibrary.io.



QUESTION DURING STORIES



Asking questions during stories (either oral or written), helps your children to build comprehension skills. Examples:

- Why do you think the bear did that?
- Do you think his friend will be happy? Why?
- What would you do if you were the bear?
- If the bear went through the mountains instead of the river, what do you think would have happened?

SING SONGS

Singing songs is a fun way to practice story telling at home. Songs help children to think creatively, develop musically, and learn patterns. - Use songs that are simple and easy to understand. Add actions to the song, teaching the children to join in. Sing the song in a dramatic way to encourage the children to participate. Repeat songs often to help your children to learn and sing along. Point to real-life objects that are included in the song, teaching them new words.



ACT OUT STORIES

You and your children can act out stories too. This encourages children to use their imaginations, relate to characters, and learn to collaborate with their peers. This is also an activity that can be done with minimal supervision from parents.

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