

# Shared book reading

## What is Shared Book Reading?

Shared book reading is the act of 'sharing or reading a book with your child'. It is an interactive reading experience that occurs when children share the reading of a book while supported by a familiar adult. The adult models the skills of proficient readers, including reading with fluency and expression. Shared book reading has benefits not only for understanding and expression but also for early literacy skills as well as joint attention and interaction. Shared book reading is appropriate for children of all ages.



## Shared book reading goals:

- To encourage your child's language development; both their understanding and talking
  - To enjoy sharing books with your child
  - To develop your child's ability to listen and attend
  - Respond to what captures your child's interest in a book
- Help your child make meaningful connections between what is happening in the book and their own experiences
- Stimulate your child's thinking and imagination.



## How to:

### Book sharing triangle:

- Sit in a triangle to share a book so you and your child can see the book and each other's faces.

### Face and voice:

- Use your face and voice to bring the book alive. Fun words and sounds will hold your child's interest and attention for longer.
- Try using different voices for different characters.

### Take turns:

- Watch and listen to your child. Respond to what they point to or talk about. Add a sentence about the picture.
- Encourage your child to take a turn. You can look, smile, point, gesture, make a sound, ask a question or have them finish a sentence.

### Words and text:

- Use your own words to talk about the pictures. You don't always have to read the words.
- You can also talk about the sounds letters make in words.

