



SHARING BOOKS WITH YOUR CHILD

Children who are given time to share books from a young age can have stronger language skills when they start school.

- FIND** a place where you can share a book and see your child's face.
- LOOK** at what your child is interested in. Let them show you what they want to do, e.g. they might want to hold the book or turn the pages.
- WAIT** for your child to do or say something and then respond to what they do or say.
- TALK** about what your child is looking at. Point at words and pictures as you talk.
- TAKE TURNS** let your child look, point or talk about what they see. Then you have a turn!
- HAVE FUN** use funny voices, sounds or words, e.g. "quack quack!" or "wheeeeeee!"
- USE** your home language with your child.

