



Make reading books fun
for you and your child

Before you start

- ▶ Let your child choose the book
- ▶ Let your child look through the book if they want to
- ▶ Point out the title of the book
- ▶ Try to guess what the book might be about together

While you read the story

- ▶ Talk about what is happening in the pictures
- ▶ Explain any words your child might not know
- ▶ Every so often ask “*What do you think is going to happen next?*”
- ▶ Answer your child’s questions and respond to their comments
- ▶ If your child loses interest part way through, you don’t have to finish the story! You can look at the pictures together and talk about what is happening, or let them choose another book

After you read

- ▶ Talk about what happened in the story, for example: “*The dog loved to play ball!*”, “*Wasn’t it funny when...*”, or “*What do you think happened after they went to the party?*”
- ▶ Ask your child what they liked about the story – what was the best or funniest part or who was their favourite character?

You can help your child choose books to borrow from your local library.
Libraries often have story times for children that you and your child may enjoy going to.