

Start Well Early Years Communication and Language Development Tips of the Month for Parents – April 2024

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- I like to hold books and lift the flaps or feel the different textures.

Parents with toddlers:

- I can find my favourite story for you to read to me.
- When you read me a story, I like to join in with the sounds that different characters make.

Parents with young children:

- I listen to stories when you make different noises or use different voices.
- When you read my favourite stories, I can join in with words or phrases that appear over and over again.

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Activities to try at home

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- Let me hold the book as you share the story with me and let me turn the pages.
- Follow my lead when sharing a story and it does not matter if we read it back to front.

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- When sharing a story, let me point to things and you can make the sounds of things.

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- Use a sock puppet when you are sharing one of my favourite stories with me.

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