



# Sharing Books

Did you know?

- Sharing books helps to develop children’s communication and language and builds their attention and listening skills.
- It helps develops your child’s vocabulary for everyday things, but also for things they won’t otherwise encounter

- Reading and sharing stories also helps your child develop empathy – to recognise other people's feelings - which in turn helps them manage their own.
- It’s a way for children to spend quality time and form close bonds with the important people in their lives.
- It is also a great way for young children to get ready for learning to read themselves, once they start school.



## Let them lead

- Let your child choose the book and go at their pace - they may like to look at the same page over and over again or flick through the pages quickly.
- Young children find it hard to listen to a whole story - by following their lead, you help them stay focussed for longer.

## Talk about what you can both see

- Let your child show you what they are interested in – Talk about what you can both see in the pictures - “Choo choo goes the train”, “Hello giraffe!”, “bye bye animals”, “The cat is drinking milk”

What can I do?



## Give your child the words they need

Rather than asking questions, describe what is happening with simple language – “fox is stuck!” “brum brum – fast car!” “shh, dolly is sleeping”

