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## Reading with toddlers

### What toddlers like:

- talking with you about the games they are playing
- pointing to and naming things they see
- reciting the same rhymes, songs and stories over and over again
- listening to songs and stories with his or her name in them
- filling in the words in songs and stories they know
- reading about animals and making animal noises
- choosing the book and helping to turn the pages.



*Sharing books  
from birth helps  
children become  
better readers  
for life*

# You can help your toddler grow into a strong reader.

## How?

- talk to your toddler about what they are doing as they play
- help your toddler notice words, sounds and letters in everyday life e.g. street signs, grocery packaging
- sing simple songs together, make your own music and dance to the rhythm
- find words that rhyme in stories and songs
- play and have fun — you don't have to read the whole book
- encourage your toddler to turn the pages and talk about what he or she sees e.g. "Show me the snake"
- share books, read-along storytelling apps and eBooks wherever you are
- carry books with you when you go somewhere
- visit a library, borrow some books or join in toddler story time sessions at the library — it's free and fun!



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