

## Reading with children

## What children like:

- naming the things they know
- talking, singing and moving to music
- hearing words that rhyme
- making up their own stories and drawing the pictures
- listening to stories about themselves, families, friends and going to school
- reading alphabet and counting books
- helping to tell a story or song they know.



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

## How?

- point out signs, grocery packaging and other words and pictures when you shop
- help your child to draw and talk about the drawings they make
- make up actions to go with the words of songs
- as you read, run your finger under the words
- talk about the story and ask questions e.g. "What is the bird doing?"
- help your child find the first letter of their name in the book
- share eBooks and apps to help your child learn about sounds and letters in words
- keep books at your place to share with your child
- visit your local library regularly and borrow books.



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