



LET'S READ
anywhere, anytime

FROM
12
MONTHS

Reading with babies

What babies like:

- sitting close, seeing the book and your face
- looking at and listening to the world around them
- moving to the rhythm of stories, nursery rhymes and music
- touching objects with different textures (soft, smooth, prickly)
- hearing the same songs, books and stories over and over again
- feeling and holding the book and helping to turn the pages — board books are great
- looking at books about family, food, animals and colours.

*Share rhymes,
songs and stories
every day*



You can help your baby grow into a strong reader.

How?

- ensure your baby can see your face and the book you are sharing
- play and laugh with your baby
- give your baby different textures to touch and talk about what they feel like
- sing songs that your baby can clap, dance and move to
- talk about what your baby is doing or pointing to
- tell your baby's favourite stories and rhymes over and over again
- name the pictures your baby touches or points to in the book
- keep books at home to share with your baby
- take your baby to the library to look at books and join in reading sessions and activities — it's free and fun!



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