

## **Reading with babies**

## What babies like:

- to be really close to you
- to watch your face and lips move
- to hear and listen to your voice
- to dance and move to different sounds and music
- to hear the same words, songs and stories over and over again
- to look at books with colours, faces and pictures of other babies
- to touch and taste books.



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

## How?

- smile and hold baby close to you so you can look at the book together
- copy the sounds that baby makes so you make baby laugh
- use your own words for baby to understand you
- talk or sing to baby about what you are doing
- help baby to dance and move to the rhythm of your voice or music
- when baby looks at something give it a name
- start at the front of the book and look at the pictures together
- keep books at your place for baby to look at
- join the library, it's free.



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