

Reading with babies

What babies like:

- to sit close and to see the book and your face
- to look at and listen to the world around them
- to touch objects with different textures (soft, smooth, prickly)
- to move to the rhythm of stories and music
- to look at one book over and over again
- to hold the book and help turn the pages
- to look at books about family, food, animals and colours.



You can help your baby grow into a strong reader.

How?

- play and laugh with baby
- hold the book so baby can see the pictures and your face
- talk about what baby is doing or pointing to
- give baby different textures to touch and talk about what they feel like
- sing songs that baby can clap and dance to
- tell baby's favourite stories and rhymes over and over again
- show baby the pictures and talk about them
- keep books at home to share with baby
- take baby to the library and look at the books.



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