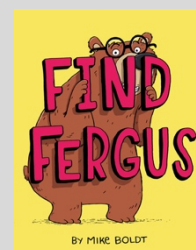




Find Fergus

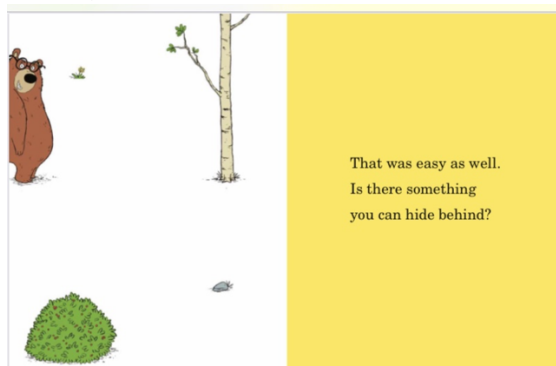
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Reading with your child is an excellent way to expose your child to words, topics, and ideas that are more complex than what they would see in books they can read on their own.

Conversations will help increase your child's oral language skills and build their vocabulary. C.A.R. is a conversation starter that you can use with your child any time.

Below is an example of how to use C.A.R. with the book, *FIND FERGUS*.



C.A.R.	Example
C Comment and Wait (count to 5) <i>*Make a comment about what you see on the page.</i>	Adult: It is so funny how Fergus thinks we can't see him! Child: He's right there!
A Ask questions and Wait (count to 5) <i>*Ask questions that do not have a "yes/no" or one-word answer to them.</i>	Adult: Where do you think would be the best place for Fergus to hide? Child: Behind the Bush.
R Respond by adding a little more to the child's response.	Adult: I agree. The bush looks like it could hide his whole body if he scrunches down. The tree is too skinny!

Activities

- » Hide and Seek: Play hide and seek with your child. Encourage your child to find new places to hide in your home.
- » Look and Find: Help your child develop their observation skills by playing games like "I Spy" or by looking at books together similar to "Where's Waldo."



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