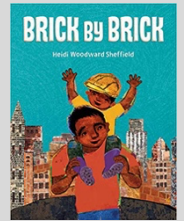




# Brick by Brick

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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, *BRICK BY BRICK*.



C.A.R.	Example
<b>C</b> <b>Comment and Wait</b> (count to 5) <i>*Make a comment about what you see on the page.</i>	<b>Adult:</b> His dream is made of many different things. <b>Child:</b> I see a dog and a house.
<b>A</b> <b>Ask questions and Wait</b> (count to 5) <i>*Ask questions that do not have a "yes/no" or one-word answer to them.</i>	<b>Adult:</b> Are there things that you dream of doing or having? <b>Child:</b> I want to be able to ride my bike without training wheels.
<b>R</b> <b>Respond</b> by adding a little more to the child's response.	<b>Adult:</b> That is a wonderful dream. Remember, if you work hard, you can do anything you set your mind to!

## Activities

- » Dream Illustration: Ask your child to illustrate a picture of something they dream of doing, or something they dream of having one day. Ask them to tell you about their drawing and have a conversation about how they can reach their dream.
- » Story Retell: Ask your child to retell the story, *Brick by Brick*, in their own words. Encourage the use of props to enhance their retelling.



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