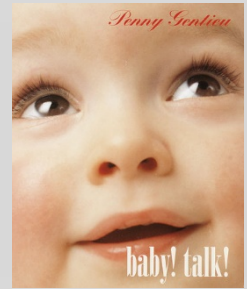




Baby! Talk!

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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.

Read Aloud Tips

Read aloud every day

Establish a routine

Turn off all screens

Get comfy

Take time to look at the pictures

Read in silly voices

Explain new words

Let kids move around if they need to

Ask questions

Answer questions

Activities

- » **Before Reading:** Take a picture walk through the book and point out the different babies. Talk about the baby faces and the expressions they are making.
- » **During Reading:** Encourage your baby to imitate the actions on the page. Point to your baby's body parts as they are mentioned in the book.
- » **After Reading:** Allow your child to revisit pages that they like the best. Imitate the actions and encourage your child to repeat you. Practice wait-time!
- » **Object Match:** Gather several toys or real objects that you see inside the front cover of the book. Point to the object in the book and the "real" object to make a connection for your child.
- » **Funny Faces:** Make funny faces with your child and encourage them to imitate you. Talk about what kind of face you are making.
- » **Mirror, Mirror!:** Babies love mirrors and looking at themselves! Make faces in the mirror and point to your own and your child's body parts.

