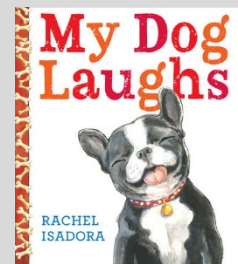




My Dog Laughs

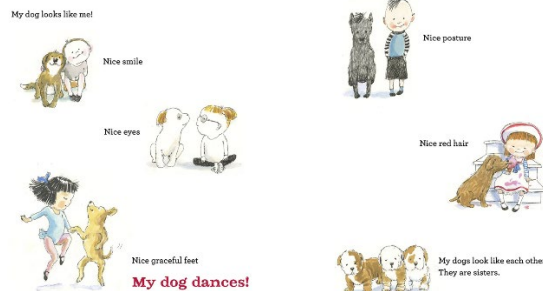
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Reading with your child is an excellent way to expose your child to words, topics, and ideas that are more complex than what they would see in books they can read on their own.

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, *My Dog Laughs*.



C.A.R.	Example
<p>C Comment and Wait (count to 5) *Make a comment about what you see on the page.</p>	<p>Adult: Those children really do look like their dogs. Look at how their smiles are the same!</p> <p>Child: Yeah, and the hair on this one!</p>
<p>A Ask questions and Wait (count to 5) *Ask questions that do not have a "yes/no" or one-word answer to them.</p>	<p>Adult: Do you think you look like our dog? (If your family doesn't have a pet think about someone they know that does have a pet and ask if they look like their pet.)</p> <p>Child: Yes, we have the same eyes.</p>
<p>R Respond by adding a little more to the child's response.</p>	<p>Adult: You are right! You both have brown eyes that sparkle.</p>

Activities

- » Pet Portraits: Get out the art supplies and create a portrait of your pet with your child. Allow them to use different art tools (markers, crayons, paint, etc.).
- » Pet Care: Discuss what it means to take care of pets. After reading the story make dog treats for your pet or a family member's pet using this easy recipe. <https://www.puppyleaks.com/pb-dog-treats/>

