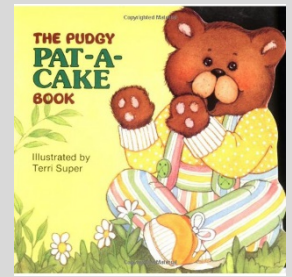




Pudgy Pat-A-Cake

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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, *Pudgy Pat-A-Cake*.



| C.A.R. | Example |
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| <p>C Comment and Wait (count to 5) *Make a comment about what you see on the page.</p> | <p>Adult: There are five pigs.</p> <p>Child: (Adult take child's hand and point to each pig as they count them).</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: I wonder why this little piggy is crying (point to pig crying).</p> <p>Child: (Adult take child's hand and point to the crying pig).</p> |
| <p>R Respond by adding a little more to the child's response.</p> | <p>Adult: I think he's sad.</p> |

Activities

- » Be Active: Pair some of the words in the rhymes with actions to engage your little one.
- » Focus on the Rhyme: Emphasize the rhyming words by repeating them several times to cue your little one in on the similar sounds.

