



# SPEND IT!

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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, *SPEND IT!*.



C.A.R.	Example
<p><b>C</b> <b>Comment and Wait</b> (count to 5) *Make a comment about what you see on the page.</p>	<p><b>Adult:</b> It makes sense that carrots are valuable to bunnies!</p> <p><b>Child:</b> It's what they eat!</p>
<p><b>A</b> <b>Ask questions and Wait</b> (count to 5) *Ask questions that do not have a "yes/no" or one-word answer to them.</p>	<p><b>Adult:</b> I wonder what each carrot is worth compared to a dollar?</p> <p><b>Child:</b> Maybe one carrot equals one dollar.</p>
<p><b>R</b> <b>Respond</b> by adding a little more to the child's response.</p>	<p><b>Adult:</b> That could be true. So, then half a carrot would equal fifty cents.</p>

## Activities

- » **Chore Chart:** As a family, develop a chore chart. Think outside of the box when considering the "payment." It doesn't have to be money. Children could earn points or stickers to then use to "buy" certain privileges like choosing the menu for dinner one night or picking out the movie for family night.
- » **Money Exploration:** Gather up all the loose change you can find and allow your child to explore, sort, and count the coins. Encourage them to sort by the type of coin or coins with smooth edges vs. rough edges. This video is a fun way to introduce the coins! [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aajLkveG750&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aajLkveG750&feature=emb_logo)

