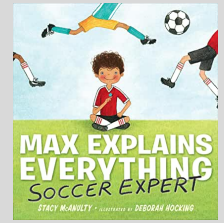




# Max Explains Everything: Soccer Expert

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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, *MAX EXPLAINS EVERYTHING: SOCCER EXPERT*.



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> Look at all the teammates in a huddle.  <b>Child:</b> They look like they are getting a game plan together.
<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> Why would the coach tell the players that the game isn't about winning?  <b>Child:</b> Having fun is the most important part of the game!
<b>R</b> <b>Respond</b> by adding a little more to the child's response.	<b>Adult:</b> I agree. Having fun, trying your best, and working as a team are the most important parts of the game.

## Activities

- » Cloud Journal: Take your child outside to look at the clouds. Have a conversation about what shapes they see. Have them start a journal where they can illustrate and describe the cloud shapes they observe each day.
- » Simon Says Soccer: Play Simon Says while asking your child to kick a ball from one location to another. Have them kick with only their right foot, only their left foot, or ask them to perform a movement between kicks. For example, say, "Simon says kick the ball and then spin in a circle."



