

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, VEHICLES

C.A.R.	Example
<b>Comment and Wait</b> (count to 5) *Make a comment about what you see	<i>Adult:</i> I see a plane!
on the page.	Child: Me too!
Ask questions and Wait (count to 5) *Ask questions that do not have a "yes/	<i>Adult:</i> Do you see anything else?
no" or one-word answer to them.	Child: A balloon!
<b>Respond</b> by adding a little more to the child's response.	<i>Adult:</i> That is a hot-air balloon. It can fly in the air and carry people, just like a plane does.

## Activities

- » Vehicle Construction: Using recycled materials or other items around your house, work with your child to create their own vehicle.
- » Follow the Road: Draw a variety of lines on paper or use sidewalk chalk to draw lines outside. Use toy vehicles or have your child pretend to be different types of vehicles and follow along the lines you have drawn.









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