

Sharing Books

Quiet Time to Talk:

So your baby can hear the words

- Reduce distractions
- Turn off background noise
- Choose a quiet time of the day

Interesting Voice:

So your baby listens to your voice

Choose simple books such as lift the flap books, feely books, waterproof / fabric books, noisy books and song books. Let your child take the lead. Talk about what your baby looks at. Use a tuneful voice or sing and make noises to talk about the pictures in the books. Animal noises and vehicle sounds are great too! Repeat the words and sounds as much as you can.



Let Your Child Lead:

So your baby has fun

Watch your baby and follow their lead; copy their sounds or attempts at words. Take your cue from your baby; if they've had enough of the book it's ok not to read the whole story.

Face to Face:

So your baby can see your face

Try to get down to your baby's level and turn so that your baby can see your face as well as the pictures in the book. Your baby will get lots of information from your facial expression.

Pause and Wait:

So your baby can take a turn

Count up to 10 watching and waiting for your baby to take their turn. See what they do with the book and let them take the lead. They might flap or turn the pages, tap the pages or have a favourite picture they like to look at. Respond to their turn and follow their lead.