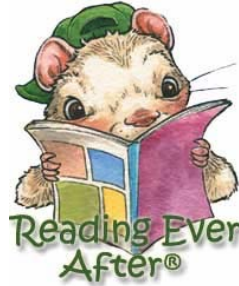




# Let's Talk About the Story

## Reading Aloud With Your Child



- ✓ **Ask questions that don't have a yes or no answer.**  
For example: "What do you think is happening in this picture?" or "Why did Peter want to play outside?"
- ✓ **Leave a blank at the end of a sentence. This works well with books told in rhyme or with repetitive phrases.**  
For example: "Jack and Jill went up the \_\_\_ ...." or "Run, run, as fast as you can. You can't catch me, \_\_\_\_\_."
- ✓ **Ask your child to remember something that happened in the story.**  
For example: "What happened to the hungry caterpillar?"
- ✓ **Ask your child to describe something in a picture. This works best with books that have interesting pictures with good detail.**  
For example: "What is happening on this page?"
- ✓ **Point to pictures and ask your child to say what they are.**  
For example: "What is the name of this?" or "What do you call this?"
- ✓ **Relate something in the story to something in the child's real life.**  
For example: "What did you do when *you* went to the zoo?"
- ✓ **Repeat and expand on what he or she says.**  
For example: "Yes, that is a mouse. It is a small, brown mouse with whiskers."
- ✓ **Give your child plenty of time to respond if you ask a question or make a comment.**  
Tip: Count to five to yourself before helping him or her.

**Encourage full sentences, details, and new words.  
Remember to share books you like.**

**Vary your voice, let it get soft and loud.  
Change the pace of your reading...slow or fast.**