

Boosting Reading Comprehension—Reading Comprehension Activities for Families

- Have fun reading together every day, even if just for a few minutes. With three-five year olds, most reading times last about 10 minutes.
- Check out the local public library. The library may have special literacy activities for you and your child.
- Put your child’s books in a small bookshelf or basket on the floor so she can get them easily.
- Ask your child to “join in” when reading books that have the same text repeated over and over.
- Make connections from the book to your child’s life experiences. Children who can make connections to their own lives show better reading comprehension.
- Invite your child to think and talk about the book while you are reading together. Ask questions, make comments, and encourage questions and predictions from your child.
- Ask your child to “read” the book to you by looking at the pictures. This will help him learn story sequence and enhance his ability to predict what will happen next.
- Act out what happened in the book. Stuffed animals, dress-up clothes and other household items can lead to fun and engaging connections with stories.
- If your child likes to draw and write, spend time together drawing pictures about the stories that you read. These can be used so your child can re-tell the story, using his own words.