

Storytelling routines made simple

Change your story

*Tried and
tested tips*

Sharing stories together is a great way to have fun with your child, learn new words and build their confidence. Here are some tips to help make story time an exciting part of your child's routine.

You know your child best so **pick the ideas that feel right for you.**

How do we choose a story?

Let your child choose a story about something they love – this could be diggers, dinosaurs, caterpillars, or something else! Try visiting your local library to borrow books for free.

When should we share stories?

Anytime! Choose a time that feels easiest – before a nap, after nursery, school or at bedtime.



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Where should we share stories?

Anywhere! At home or out and about. Share stories under a table, on the bus or at the park.

Who should we share stories with?

Each other! Your child might also enjoy reading to a relative, pet or their favourite teddy.

Make stories fun!

Let your child take the lead.

Talk about the pictures together, you don't have to read all the words.

Add actions or move like the characters.

Use different voices.

Make stories part of everyday life



Keep books within easy reach so your child can choose them anytime.



Talk about stories you've enjoyed, from books, magazines or audiobooks.



Join free activities at the library.



Read favourite stories again if your child wants to. Repetition helps them join in, and remember what comes next.



Make story time part of other activities. Try looking at a book on the bus or in your pyjamas at bedtime.

As your child learns to read, keep sharing stories together just for fun. It supports their confidence, imagination and your bond with your child.