

NARRATIVE SKILLS

Being able to describe things and events and tell stories

Building **Narrative Skills**, or being able to describe things and events, is one of the six early literacy skills that every child needs to develop to become a reader. Take time every day to encourage your child to tell you stories

Tell me more!

Ask "What happened next?" when your child is telling you a story or sharing information about an event that happened to them that day.

Encourage your child to talk about things. Listen patiently and ask questions to encourage your child to share even more information.



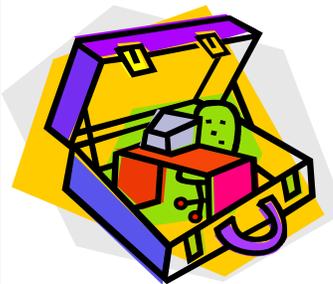
Tell your child stories. Describe your activities throughout the day. (For example: "I am walking to the kitchen to cook dinner. I am taking the pots out of the cabinet and food out of the refrigerator.") Ask your child to tell you a story about his/her day.



Sit on the floor and play with your child. Let your child direct the play and let her tell you what she is doing with the toys -- even if it is just babbling. Enjoy your time together and do this at least once a week.



Play a game like *Help Me Pack*: Pack objects in a small suitcase or bag. Ask for child*s help. As you pack, name each object and add description. Ask your child to find a specific object to put into the suitcase. Unpack the suitcase and ask your child what a particular object is and what he can do with it. Wait several seconds and supply the answer if he doesn*t know.



What do we do with socks?



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