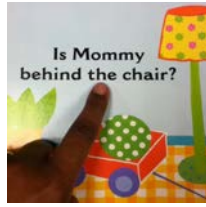


PRINT AWARENESS

Noticing print, knowing how to handle a book, and knowing how to follow words on a page

Language is present everywhere, even at home. When your child begins to notice words and language in his world, he is developing **Print Awareness**, one of the six early literacy skills that every child needs to develop to become a reader. The skill is further developed when he knows how to handle a book and how to follow words on a page. Use these tips as a guide.



Move your finger under words as you read them, so that your child can see that words in English are read from left to right. Do this several times a week.



Point out the words on street signs, buildings, vehicles, and other things when you go walking, biking, skating, or on car rides with your child. It will help her notice words and language in her world.



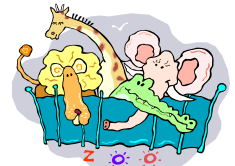
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Buildings



Vehicles



Places

Don't forget to do it when you go the zoo, beaches, museums or other fun places.



As your child gets older, let her hold the book, when reading sometimes, and help her turn the pages so she learns how to handle a book. For really little ones, just help them learn how to hold the book correctly.

When your child is older, make "mistakes" when handling a book, such as opening the book upside down, or turning to the last page first. Let your child catch the mistake and correct you! Praise your child for being such a smart reader.



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