

Read To Your Baby

How to read with your newborn to six-month old

- Infants like stiff, cardboard books.
- Infants also enjoy soft, but firm vinyl books.
- Infants like simple, large pictures.
- Infants like books about animals, cars, and other things that make sounds.
- Place an open book at the head of the crib or on the floor when your infant is practicing tummy time.
- Play with sounds for your infant. "moo" or "beep beep".

How to read with your six-month to one year old

- Babies like board books.
- Babies like pictures of babies.
- Babies like rhymes and songs.
- Babies like the same book over and over.
- Point at the pictures-this is how babies learn.
- Hold your baby on your lap while you read.

How to read with your one year old

- Read the same book over and over.
- Read a book at bedtime.
- Let your child choose and hold the book.
- One year olds like books about food, trucks, animals, and children.
- Choose books with a few words.
- Let your one year old move around while you are reading.
- Look at books together whenever you are waiting.
- Name the pictures-this is how a one year old learns new words.
- Read labels and signs wherever you go.

How to read with your two year old

- Let your child help turn the pages.
- Two year olds like to fill in the words in a story they know.
- Two year olds like to point and name pictures.
- Read the same books over and over.
- Two year olds like books that are silly.
- Two year olds like animals and animal noises.
- Read labels and signs wherever you go.
- Keep different books around the house and let your child choose.

How to read with your preschool child

- Preschoolers like books that tell stories.
- Preschoolers like alphabet and counting books.
- Preschoolers like books about families, friends, and going to school.
- Preschoolers like a book at bedtime.
- Have your child sit close or on your lap while reading.
- Ask questions about the story.
- Let your child tell you stories.
- Visit the library so your child can choose more books.