

Communication and Language Leaflet

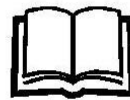
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Focus this month:

Sharing Stories



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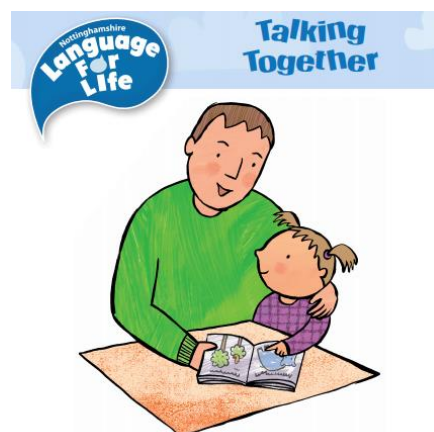
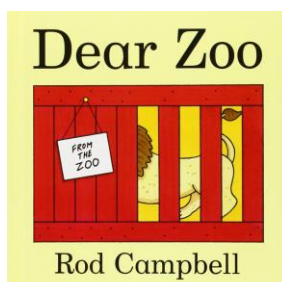
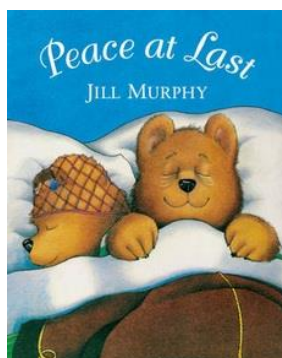


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Why is sharing stories important?

Sharing stories with your children is very important for speech and language development and a great way to help your child's talking. Why not make books part of your everyday routine?

Sharing stories with your child helps your child's listening and attention skills as well as giving you one to one time together sharing a special moment.



Share books with me

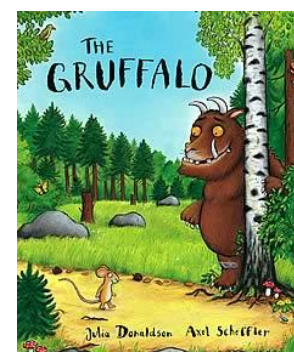
For information and advice about your child's talking and listening skills visit www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/language-for-life and visit us on Facebook www.facebook.com/nottinghamshirelanguageforlife



For further information: <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk>

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We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



You do not have to read all the words in a book.

You can start by labelling the objects in the pictures. This gives your children first words.

Point out “bird, bat, cat, teddy” if your child starts to repeat these words add a word, such as “big cat”.

Point to the pictures and say the word to your child. Give your child time to repeat the word back to you.

Have books around the house to access at any time.

Make Your Own Book...

Making a book at home can encourage your child to become interested in reading and stories.

Cut pictures of their favourite toys from magazines or catalogues. Add some family photos. Then sit together looking through the book talking about the pictures.

Try not to ask ‘what?’ and ‘where?’. Instead, say ‘look, a cat’ or ‘the cat’s in the box’.

Children are never too young to start looking at books with their parents.

Wait and follow your child’s interest – it does not matter if they do not want to start at the beginning or look at all the pages!



**Talking
Tuesdays
Tip!**

To avoid distractions, make
sure that the T.V. is turned off

**Talking
Tuesdays!**

Let your child
choose the pages

Pop in to your
local Children's
Centre for more
handy hints!

When looking at books with your child,
don't worry about reading every word –
let your child take the lead and talk
about what is happening together!



Book sharing is a great way to
help your child's talking.

It doesn't matter if your child
misses out lots of pages!

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Talking Tuesdays!

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Be slow and clear when you are talking – don't be afraid to use a sing-song voice! 😊

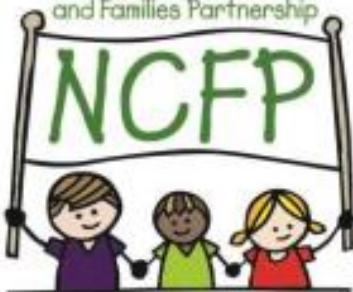
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Children enjoy reading the same book again and again – don't worry – why not choose a book each?!

This will also help your child to take turns!

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Pop in to your local Children's Centre for more handy hints!

Be face-to-face so that your child can see your face when you are talking about the story!

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Reading Challenges

Read a book with a touch.	Read a book in an unusual place.	Read a book about an animal.	Read a book in your pyjamas.	Read a book for the local library.
Read a book over face time to a relative or friend.	Read your favourite book.	Act out a story you know really well.	Read to your pet. If you don't have a pet, read to a soft toy.	Listen to an audiobook.
Read a book outside.	Find a picture book with no words and make up a story to go with the pictures.	Make a den to share a book in.	Read a bedtime story to your mum or dad, instead of them reading one to you.	Read a book about your favourite hobby or interest like football, art, rugby, superheroes or space.
Draw a picture of a character from your favourite book.	Read a comic.	Read a book in the bath – mind you don't drop it!	Choose and read a book just because you like its cover.	Try to read a book every week and make a list of their titles.

The more that
YOU READ,
THE MORE THINGS
YOU WILL KNOW.
The more that you learn,
THE MORE PLACES
YOU'LL GO.



-DR. SEUSS