

## Help Your Child Notice Print



Print awareness is one of the best predictors of your child's future reading abilities. Children learn about print when adults and other children point out letters, words and other features of print that surround children.

**To help your child become aware of print, you can:**

- **Share books** with your children often. When reading, sweep your finger under words to show you are reading the text, not the pictures.
- **Label** objects with pictures and words. Collect labels from your child's favourite foods to make a placemat for them.
- Take a walk with your child. **Point out** signs, license plates and talk about other forms of print in your community.
- Encourage your child to **play with print** (e.g., write a shopping list, make a card, etc.)

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