



Reading is as Easy as ABC!


One of the best predictors of early reading success is alphabet recognition. **Alphabet books** are a great way to talk about letters with your child. Many alphabet books centre on child-friendly themes or concepts, such as animals or places.

Alphabet books are a fun way to help your child:

- Learn the letter sequence of the alphabet
- Connect the printed letters with letter sounds
- Develop vocabulary and stimulate language use

The first time you read an alphabet book with your child, read it without pausing so they can enjoy the language and illustrations. Next time you read it, talk about the names of the letters and the sounds the letters make.

Focus on sounds that are important to your child. For example, if your child's name is Melissa, talk about how the letter M makes the sound 'Mmm' like "Mmm...muffins!"

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