

# Dialogic Reading

## Dialogic Reading Works

- Children who have been read to dialogically are ahead of those who have been read to traditionally on tests of language development.
- Dialogic picture book reading provides children with many skills that are necessary for school readiness.
- These skills include vocabulary, sound structure, the meaning of print, the structure of stories and language and sustained attention.



Dialogic reading is simply children and adults having conversations about books.

## How can you help?

Children who are read to three times per week or more do much better in later development than children who are read to less than that. Start early. By nine months, infants like books that are interesting to touch or that make sounds.

Read with your child dialogically to encourage active participation by the child. Just as we can't learn to ski by watching someone ski, we can't learn to read by just listening to someone else read.

Dialogic reading helps:

- The children to become the tellers of the story.
- The adults to become the listeners.
- Children learn the most from books by being actively involved.

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## What is Dialogic Reading?

The fundamental reading technique in dialogic reading is the PEER sequence. This is a short interaction between the child and the adult.

The adult:

- **P**rompts the child to say something about the book.
- **E**valuates the child's response.
- **E**xpands the child's response by rephrasing and adding information to it
- **R**epeats the prompt to make sure the child has learned from the expansion.

Except for the first reading of a book, the PEER sequence should take place on nearly every page.

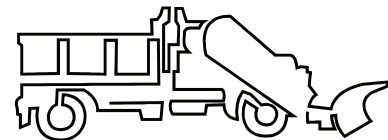
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### For Example

A parent and child are looking at the page of a book that has a picture of snowplow on it.

The parent says, "What's this?" (**P**rompt)

The child says, "truck".



The parent follows with "Yes, you're right." (**E**valuation)

"That's a yellow snowplow". (**E**xpansion)

"Can you say snowplow?" (**R**epetition)

This information is from the Reading Rockets website. There you'll find lots more about Dialogic Reading and children's reading in general.

<http://www.readingrockets.org>

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