



What kinds of books could I read to my baby?

Dads, Books, and Babies

- Find books that are small and sturdy, so that your child can hold the book by his or herself and it won't get ruined. Try "Alligator, Bear, Crab: A Baby's ABC" by Lesley Wynne Pechter.
- Read books with simple, clear pictures, bold colours, and few words on each page so your baby can follow along. Try "That's Not My Bunny" by Fiona Watt.
- Look for books with rhythm and rhyme, like "Llama Llama Wakey Wake" by Anna Dewdney. Collections of nursery rhymes are also fun!
- Find classics, like "Goodnight Moon" by Margaret Wise Brown.
- Babies love to see pictures of faces and of other babies - try books like "Everywhere Babies" by Susan Meyers.



What could I do to help my toddler learn to read?

Dads, Books, and Toddlers

- Start looking for longer stories, like "Mud Puddle" by Robert Munsch.
- Look for books about experiences your child is familiar with, such as "Max & Ruby's Bedtime Book" by Rosemary Wells or "Mama Cat Has Three Kittens" by Denise Fleming.
- Books with rhythm, rhyme, and repetition are still fun for toddlers. Try "Monkey and Me" by Emily Gravett, which has a repetitive verse.
- Act books out, and invite your toddler to join in! Curious George books, which are by Margret Rey, are fun to act out.
- Look for sing-along books with simple words that you and your child can sing together. "The Babies on the Bus" by Karen Katz is a good example.



What else can I do?

More Tips on Reading

- Use different voices for characters and different sounds for things like trains or cars.
- Point and talk about pictures with your child as you read. You don't even have to read the words on the page - you can make up your own story!
- Have your child turn the pages of the book, and don't worry if they miss a page. It's ok to move on with the story!
- Ask your child questions about the story or pictures as you read.
- Don't worry if your child only ever wants to read the same books over and over again. Children learn by repeating things!