



How to Use a Quiet Book

Look, move, and match the pieces in a quiet book together.

Helps Your Child Grow



Emergent Literacy

Looking at pictures, listening to a simple story, and moving the pieces together helps your child become interested in revisiting favorite pages and experiences.

Steps

- Quiet books often include removable pieces that children can place, move, and use again. The hands-on features can make it easier to engage with the pictures and story. Try these approaches:
- 1. Let your child study the page and its matching pieces, then guess what is happening. On a page with a mouse, shopping cart, and fruit, ask, "What is the little mouse going to do?"
- 2. If the story is not yet clear, explain it simply. Point to the shopping list and say, "The mouse needs to buy the fruit on this list and put it in the cart."
- 3. Your child does not have to place every piece in the listed order. Let them choose what to add first and where it should go, even if that creates a different story.
- 4. Add sounds and actions to bring the pieces to life. Use a piece of fruit to feed the mouse, then pretend to take a bite yourself.
- 5. If your child does not want to continue, do not force the activity. Turn to another page or save the book for next time.

Tips

- For a page with one expected answer, such as matching colors or shapes, first give your child time to observe and try. If they cannot find the match, point to two possible places and ask, "Does red go here or here?" Limiting the choices helps them focus on the feature they need to compare.

Observations

- ☐ Returns to a favorite page and asks to place the pieces again
- ☐ Looks at the target position and places the piece there