



Bedtime Storymaker

Help your child connect imagined events into a complete bedtime story.

Helps Your Child Grow



Comprehension and Text Structure

Answering questions about what happens next and resolving inconsistent details gives your child practice building a story with a logical sequence and basic narrative structure.

Steps

- At bedtime, invite your child to become the author of a new story.
- If no idea comes right away, begin with a theme they enjoy: “Today the baby dinosaurs hatched...”
- As your child continues, use occasional prompts: “Then what happened?” or connect with an earlier detail: “The dinosaur just hatched. Will it look for its mother?”
- If two details conflict, ask playfully, “This dinosaur was green before. How did it become blue?” Let your child explain the change or revise the story.
- Once the events connect, ask for a vivid detail: “What did their cave look like?”
- However imaginative the story becomes, help your child carry it to an ending - and let that ending lead into sleep.

Tips

- Let your child direct the plot. If the events are scattered, use brief questions to help connect them rather than taking over the story.
- One or two events are enough at first. Repeated storytelling can gradually support longer, richer sequences.

Observations

- Tells a story containing several events in sequence
- Adds an imaginative detail that makes the story more interesting