



Turn the Page

Let your child's fingers turn the pages and move the story forward.

Helps Your Child Grow



Fine Motor

Grasping and turning pages during shared reading gives your child practice controlling their fingers and coordinating what they see with hand movement.



Emergent Literacy

Turning to the next picture, predicting what may happen, and returning to an earlier scene helps your child connect pictures with the sequence of a story.

Steps

- During shared reading, give your child an active part by letting them turn the pages. Try the following ideas.
- Begin with a cloth book or an interactive picture book with sturdy flaps or pieces that invite touching and turning.
- As the story moves forward, pause at the end of each page and let your child reveal what comes next.
- Ask with genuine curiosity, "What happens next?" or "And then?" The small suspense gives them a reason to turn the page.
- When the story connects with something seen earlier, say, "Did we see this before? Let's go back and look." Return to the related page and show that a book can be revisited.

Tips

- Your child may touch the page, study a picture, and only then turn it. Follow their pace; the pause can reveal details they would otherwise miss.
- If a small bird, flower, or other detail holds their attention, talk about it. Following that interest can be more valuable than finishing every page in order.

Observations

- Turns back to an earlier page while reading
- Talks about a character or favorite part of the story