Better Parenting

Spot the Story Details

Spot small picture-book details and use them to deepen the story.

Helps Your Child Grow



Comprehension and Text Structure

Beginning with an appealing book and adding questions, performance, and prediction invites your child to participate, understand the story, and express ideas.

Steps

- If picture books are not holding your child's attention, try a few ways to make reading more participatory.
- Notice the topics your child already enjoys, such as school or playgrounds, and begin with a story connected to that interest.
- Before opening the book, use the cover to spark curiosity: "What is this child doing?" or "This place looks unusual. Where could it be?"
- Give characters different voices or act out a movement from the story together - jumping, hiding, or tiptoeing.
- Pause at an interesting moment and invite your child into the conversation: "What just happened?" or "Why do you think they did that?"
- Before turning a page, ask, "What do you think will happen next?" and listen to your child's prediction.

Tips

- Build on your child's answer with one related question: "Why do you think the character is angry?" or "What could we do to help?"

Observations

- ○ Answers your question using events from the story
- ○ Takes the initiative to turn the next page or flip through the book to find relevant content