

# TOP TIPS FOR SHARING BOOKS

**1** **Read to me when I'm in your tummy.** Even when I am in your tummy, I love hearing your voice.

**2** **Continue reading to me as soon as I am born.** You don't even need to read the words. Just talking about the pictures is great too.

**3** **Let's make special time for sharing books and stories.** I love to snuggle and share stories with you and other special people.

**4** **Let me choose my own favourite book.** If I look at the pictures or point or touch the book, it means I am enjoying it.

**5** **Follow my lead.** Hold the book so we can both see it and give me time to turn the pages myself. I don't always want to look at every page in order. This is OK too.

**6** **Talk to me about what we can see.** I love listening to your voice, especially if you use funny voices.

**7** **Repeat, repeat, repeat!** It's OK if I want my favourite story again and again. I like it because it is familiar and it helps me to learn lots of new words.

**8** **Use the language you know best when we share a book.** I love to hear you speak our home language. Hearing this helps my brain to grow.

**9** **Help me learn to love books and stories.** We could go to the library together to choose books for both of us. It's free!

**10** **Share books!** Giving my friends books as a present helps them to love them too!



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