



# Tips for sharing books with 4 & 5 year olds

**Sound Sensitivity** helps children think about how letters and their sounds work.  
Encourage children to play with sounds and letters.

**Knowing Letters** is important to be ready to read.  
Help children learn both CAPITAL and lowercase letters.

**Rhyming** is a way children learn that words are made up of smaller parts.  
This helps when they later try to sound out words to read.  
Songs also help children hear words broken down into parts.  
Look for books with rhymes and songs.

**Predicting** helps children learn to guess how stories work.  
Ask, “What do you think happens next?”

**Repetition** helps children learn how stories work.  
These books also help children to tell part of the story.

**Narrative Skills and Summarizing** help children understand stories.  
Once children are familiar with a story, ask them to tell you what happens in the book.  
Be encouraging and make it fun!

## Sharing books with children

- ... builds their brain power
- ... helps them learn language
- ... prepares them to be readers
- ... creates a special time together

**HOW** we read with children is just as important as  
**HOW OFTEN** we read with them.