



Make Storytelling Part of Your Day

We help children learn about storytelling any time we talk about a sequence of events. This could be when we talk about the past or future, or when we summarize the main events in a story. Here are some ways to encourage children to join in these conversations:

Play Time

During play with figurines, such as farm animals, use what is happening during play to make up a story together. Help the child to develop a sequence of events that create a story. Help the child include words like **beginning**, **end**, **then**, **next**, **character**, **problem** and **solution**. Be sure to include the child's ideas in the story.



Daily Activities

During mealtime, encourage the child to tell you about a time they ate at a restaurant. Ask questions that help them tell the story, like, "Was it a special day or celebration?", "Who was with you?", "What did you eat?" and "What happened when you were all done eating?"

On the Go

Pretend to be an alien from another planet who doesn't know how to do a familiar routine like getting dressed or washing their hands. Have the child help by explaining what to do from start to finish, using words that describe the sequence, such as **first**, **then**, **next**, and **last**.

Book Reading

Share a book with a clear story that lends itself to re-enactment. When reading the story, pause to talk about the characters, the problem they face, and the actions they take to solve it. Then, tell the child you're going to act out the story. Collect props, and have the book open nearby as you act out the story together.



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