



Look for Print All Around You

You can prepare children for learning to read and write by pointing out print that they can see all around them. By pointing out print in the environment, you help them learn that print communicates just like spoken words do. Try these fun tips to highlight print throughout the day:

Play Time

While playing 'restaurant', create a menu together. Ask the child what food they'd like to include on the menu and write down their ideas. Then read what you wrote. Encourage the child to decorate the menu or draw a picture to go along with each menu item.

Daily Activities

While preparing a meal, point to the print on food packaging and read what it says. For example, before you pour a glass of milk, you could say, "Look, this says 'milk'. 'Milk' starts with the letter M." Track the letters with your finger as you read the print.



On the Go

While on a walk, talk about the print you notice on signs. You could say, "This sign says 'construction'. It's telling us there are workers fixing the road. The road is under construction." After the walk, help the child make a sign of their own. For example, a "Quiet" sign beside the area where they rest.

Book Reading

Share a book with the child that contains print in different sizes or colours. Draw their attention to this print while you read the words. For example, point to the letters and say, "These letters are really big. I think that means the boy is yelling."



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