

# Let's Tell a Story



Narrative and storytelling skills aren't just about telling a story. They help children organise ideas, use rich language and talk about past events. Here are some tips and fun activities to support your child's **storytelling skills and understanding of how stories work**.

Enjoy sharing books your child loves every day, talking about the characters, events and what they enjoyed most.

Bring stories to life by acting them out or retelling them together with toys, puppets or play sets to spark your child's imagination.

Top Tips



Make storytelling fun by telling stories aloud, listening to audiobooks and exploring different ways to enjoy stories together.

Talk with your child during everyday routines like washing hands, brushing teeth or getting dressed, asking what happens next to help them order events.

If you speak other languages at home, using your home language(s) alongside learning English can help to support your child's language development.

## Activity Ideas

### Photo Sharing:

Share some family photos from a recent holiday or event. Talk about who is in the photo, where they went and share any memories together.

**Bag of Tales:** Fill a bag with different objects, such as mini characters or items that interest your child. Take turns making up a story together using the things inside.

**Super Story Den:** Create a super story den using blankets and cushions to cosy up and look at some favourite books together. You may like to add some soft toys or puppets to tell a story to or re-enact a favourite story.

### Story Drawing:

Encourage your child to draw a picture and then either make up a story about it or retell something that happened, sharing ideas about what's happening and who's involved.

**Sandwich Order:** Invite your child to make a simple and delicious sandwich with you. While making the sandwich together, talk through each step using words such as 'first', 'next', 'then' and 'finally'.



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