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- Cuddle up so you can both see the book.
- Show curiosity about the book: 'This book looks really interesting. It's about a sad child. I wonder why she's sad?'

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- Read through the whole story the first time without stopping too much.
- Read with enjoyment. If you're not enjoying it, your child won't.
- Read favourite stories over and over again.



The second time you read the book

- Let your child pause, think about and comment on the pictures.
- If you think your child did not understand something, try to explain: 'Oh! I think what's happening here is that...'
- Chat about the story and pictures.
- Link the stories to your own experiences: 'This reminds me of when ...'
- Link stories to others that uour child knows.
- Encourage your child to join in.
- Avoid asking questions to test what your child remembers.
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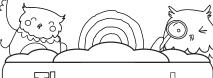
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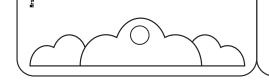


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