

Read with Tigo



"Reading aloud is easy. Reading aloud is fun!"

When you read to me...

- Tell me the name of the author and the illustrator.
- Show me the front and back of the book.
- Use your finger to follow the words on the page so I see what you are reading.
- Exaggerate some letters, like the first letter of my name. Point to the letter as you say it.
- Try using different voices or reading fast and slow.
- Substitute my name or our pet's name for the characters.
- Be patient with me. Stop reading if I get restless.
- Help me remember the story after we stop reading. Point out objects from the story later while we are out.



When you read to me, I want to learn to read.

Cuddling and reading aloud helps my brain to develop.

When you read to me, your voice helps me love books as much as I love you.

While I'm a baby...

- I like board books, soft books, and bath books best. I like books with bright pictures of real objects and baby faces.
- Let me hold the book before you read. Show me "open" and "close." Make it a game!
- Stop often and let me look and point. I want to touch the pages and make the sounds. I can say "mmmmmmooooo." Imitate the sounds I make.

I start learning to read the first time you hold me and read to me.

When you read to me, I learn that print on the page stands for words.

- I like it when you read me nursery rhymes in a sing-song voice. The rhythm helps me hear the sounds in the words.
- Tell me the names of objects in the pictures again and again. That's how I learn new words.
- Give me time to respond to your voice and the story when you read. Listen to me and then answer back. This is how I learn about conversation.



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"Beep-beep!"

When you read to me daily, you help make books my favorite toy.

As I grow to preschool age...

- Let me pick the book we read and tell you why I chose it.
- If I pick a story we read often, stop in the middle and ask me to tell you what happens next. We can take turns telling the story.
- I want to talk about what happened in the story and how it makes me feel. Help me relate the story to what happens in my life.
- I like books that help me hear and imitate silly sounds and words. I want to make up my own silly words, too.
- Before we read a new book, let's look at the pictures and talk about what we see. Let's guess what the story will be about.
- When you read to me, use different voices for the characters and make the sounds described in the story.
- Let's talk about the story. That's how I learn new words and how to make longer sentences.
- Play "I spy" with me. I can guess an object on the page by your description. Have me find the first letter of my name in the words.
- Take me to the library to find new books about things, places, and people I like.
- Ask me to tell the story later, like at dinner or when we are driving in the car.

The more you read to me, the longer my attention span will be. You are teaching me how to listen and understand.

If I ask for the same book again, make it fun for both of us by changing your voice!

Read aloud with me every day. It is the most important thing you can do to help me get ready for school.



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