

Communication

Special Education Services

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Helping your child talk During everyday activities



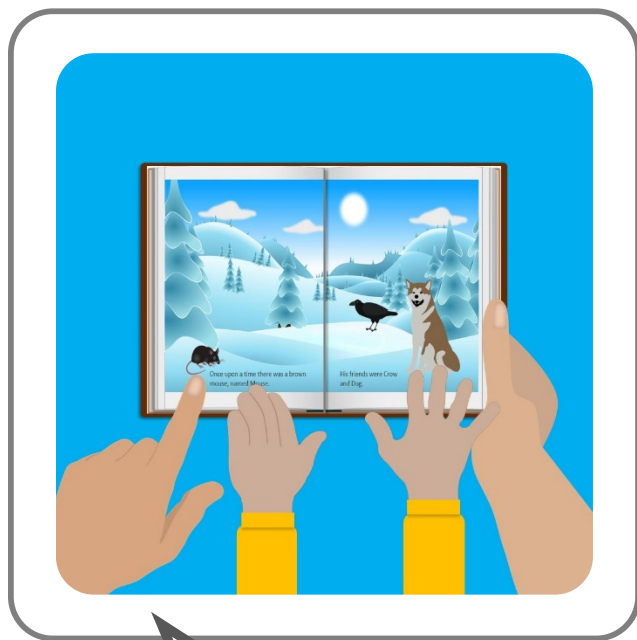
Activity: Read aloud to your child!

Skills: Reading books out loud to children develops language skills at all ages.

It increases children’s exposure to language, and to new words and ideas. The more language children hear, the faster they learn!

Instructions/strategies:

- Choose to read whatever your child prefers. (e.g. storybooks, books about facts, or magazines)
- If you speak Cree at home, you’re encouraged to read books in Cree with your child!
- Read the same book every day for a week.
- Stop at different places in the story. Before turning the page, ask your child what will happen next.
- As the week goes by, ask your child to retell parts of the story.



Hmmm, I **wonder** what **Mouse** is going to do now....

Tip: Making your child laugh is great for building attention and encouraging social interaction. **Be silly!**

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- Use funny voices for different characters. There’s a good chance your child will want to retell those parts first.
- Make a silly mistake when reading the story (e.g. “The Mouse was **flying** around.”) and then smile and wait a few seconds. Your child might correct you!