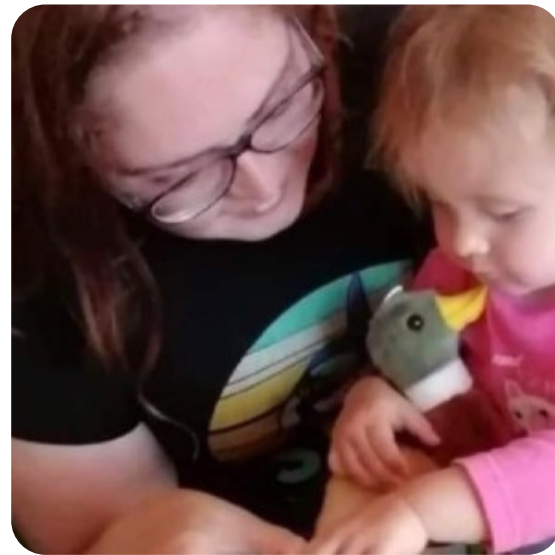


# 50 things to do before you're five

## Sharing Books



Sharing books is a wonderful thing to do with young children. They can hear about people and places they may never know about. It can get their imagination running. Plus, it helps with developing their language skills. Start young from just a few months old and share books often with babies, toddlers and young children. BookTrust, the UK's largest children's reading charity, encourages book sharing from birth, and even before.

Why not join the local library? You can stay and share stories with your child, or take some of the books home. All for free! Story and rhyme times are also free to attend.

Studies show that when adults regularly share books with children in the preschool years, they learn language faster, enter school with a larger vocabulary and become more successful readers in school.

### How to do it

Sharing books means talking about the book, not just reading the story. Encourage children to join in. Make comments about the pictures "I can see a tiny egg." See if your child can find different things on the picture "Where's the strawberry?", or you could ask some simple questions "What can you see...?" or simple comments "Ah, Look!"

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