



Bookworm

Get To Know Your Books!

Beginner: Point out the front and back of a book, model how to hold it and that the pages must be turned gently from left to right.

[Tip]: Move your finger over each word as you read them, and point out that words are connected to the pictures.

Intermediate: While reading with your child, point out punctuation, as well as uppercase (BIG) and lowercase (small) letters. Explain that once you reach the end of a line, you should go down to the next line, as opposed to the next page.

[Tip]: Suggest that your child move their finger over each word as they read, to help focus.

Experienced: Talk about the meaning and purpose of different parts of a book.

[Tip]: Explore the author and illustrator, dedication, table of contents, chapters, index, glossary, and book description on the back cover.

Why is this important? Understanding how books are organized helps children develop print awareness before learning how to read independently.

Note: Books in English are read from left to right, and books in other languages are read differently.

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