Fond Memories

Going Through Family Photos

Beginner: Look at (family) photos and talk about who/what/where/when/why.
[Tip]: Talk about birthdays, holidays, and favourite memories.

Intermediate: Ask open-ended questions (that do not require yes and no responses) to jump start memories.
[Tip]: Ask “What happened next?” “What did you do?” “What animal did we see?”

Experienced: Have your child write a story about a photo.
[Tip]: Try making a scrapbook with your child’s story.

Why is this important? Storytelling helps with language skills and expressive language use.

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