



## Magic Page

Anyone Can Be an Illustrator!

**Beginner:** Talk about the cover of a picture book, called the “magic page” because its picture will appear again later in the story.

**[Tip]:** Describe the cover page together. Name and point to different objects, people, activities, or animals in the picture.

**Intermediate:** After studying the magic cover page, make predictions about the book.

**[Tip]:** Ask “What do you think will happen in the book? Do you think the magic page comes from the beginning, middle, or end of the book?”

**Experienced:** Read a book and then draw your own cover page.

**[Tip]:** Discuss choices such as which part of the story to draw, which colours and artistic elements would be suitable, and why.

**Why is this important?** Making connections between pictures and words helps improve reading comprehension. Discussing the pictures in storybooks can be used to promote abstract thinking.

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