

Sharing books with your child

Why do I share books with my child?

It's a perfect way to interact with your young child. Remember that babies love to communicate too by pointing, looking and making sounds.

It helps develop speaking and listening skills.

Babies and young children learn through repetition.

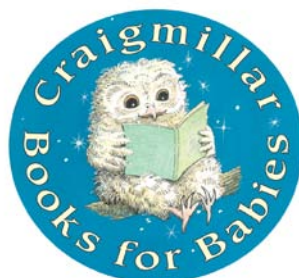
An interest in books will continue to develop as they grow up.

Where and when can I share books with my child?

- When you're travelling on the bus
- When your child is in the bath
- At bedtime
- When your child brings one to you.

Anywhere and everywhere!

Remember that a few minutes is okay. Young children may sit still for only a few minutes. They will listen longer as they get older.



How do I share books with my child?

Find a quiet place. Try to remember to turn off the TV or radio before you begin so that there are no distractions.

Cuddle up with your child on your knee and let them open the book and turn the pages when they are ready.

Let your child point to the pictures and talk about what you see together. Try waiting and leaving gaps for your child to join in.

Does your child like animals? Look at books with animals in them. You can use puppets or toys too.

What books can I share with my child?

- Board books (with firmer pages for toddlers)
- Soft books
- Picture books
- Lift the flap books
- Touchy feely books
- Books with songs and rhymes
- Bath books
- **ANY** books!

