

Let's 'Read' a Picture Book

Outcome: Wordless picture books help develop children's language, literacy, creativity and storytelling skills by exercising expressive and receptive language, listening skills, vocabulary, and comprehension.

Materials Needed: An age-appropriate picture book with no words.
For example: A boy, a dog, a frog by Mercer Mayer.

How:

- Use a book with only pictures to give you and your child the freedom to make up your own story based on what you see.
- Ask open-ended questions* and model language by suggesting ideas for your child while looking at the book. As you do so, you will start to produce the story together.
- Asking questions will develop the story and allow you and your child to share different thoughts, ideas, and opinions.

*An open-ended question cannot be answered with simple "yes" or "no" answers.
Example: "What do you think will happen next?"