

# Learning about books and print

Print awareness is an understanding of how written language holds meaning.

Print awareness is essential for later reading and literacy development. It includes:

- Knowing the parts of a book, such as the cover, pages, and title,
- Understanding what words, letters, and sentences are, and
- Knowing how text is organised, e.g., from left to right, and top to bottom.

Children learn about print from adults, sharing books, and the world around them.

## Talk about print: Share books and talk about sounds and words



### Talk about parts of books

Sit and read a book together. Talk about the features of the book.

The *title* of this book is...

This is where we start to read.

You can help me turn the pages.

This is the *last page*.



### Talk about signs and logos

Point out signs and writing at home, e.g., on labels and in books. Talk about writing outside, e.g., on buildings, menus, and signs.

This label says pasta.

That sign says exit.

That sign means bus stop.



#### Talk about words and letters

Talk about words and letters that you see in your day.

This word is horse.

This word starts with the *same letter as your name*.

This is a *capital letter*.

These words *start with the same sound*.



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