



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*.