

Tips for Parents

Decide with your child if you will <u>read</u> or talk about the book.

When you read<u>, you</u> lead

- ✓ Get your child to sit and listen.
- Get your child to join in where phrases are repeated
- Ask your child to make sounds that are in the story e.g. the noise of animals, cars driving (brmm, brmm)

When you talk, your child leads, so...

- Don't open the book and ask lots of questions!
- Wait for your child to talk. After a few minutes, if he hasn't said anything, you say something about the book.
- Listen to what your child says.
- Repeat back words and sentences he says correctly. This way he hears good examples.
- Sometimes when you repeat back, add extra words or ideas. This helps develop his language.
- Sometimes, ask a question about what he has said. Remember your question must follow on from what your child has said.

