



Reading Readiness skills will help prepare your child to learn how to read. Your child will use these very simple but important skills every time they pick up a book to read in the future.

**Identifying the title of the book** can help a child begin to guess what action might be ahead in the story. For beginning readers, this can be very helpful. Being able to understand the story line can often help a child figure out tricky words.

Finding the title on a book can help a child determine the cover of the book, which helps in knowing where the story begins.

Not all titles “describe” the upcoming action. Sometimes you need to “read on” into the book to understand why the author picked the title.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD WITH THIS SKILL AT HOME?

1. Look through familiar books together and talk about how the titles are related to what happens within the book.
2. Check out several new books from the library. Read the titles and guess what will happen in each story. Read and then discuss whether your guesses were correct.
3. Think up a fun title and then make up an adventure to fit it.
4. Look at photographs. Give them a title.
5. If the title does not obviously match the story line in a book, think up another title that might be a better fit.
6. To discover if your child needs some practice with this skill, hand them a book upside down, spine facing right. See if they automatically turn the book over to the front and flip the book spine to the left.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AT HOME!