
RECOMMENDATION 1: ACADEMIC LANGUAGE

How-to Step 1: Inferential Language

How-to Step 2: Narrative Language

Prompt your child to say something about the book. “How did you know the bear was sick?” Your child might respond, “Sneeze.”

Evaluate your child’s response. “That’s right.”

Expand your child’s response by rephrasing and adding information to it. “The bear sneezed. Can you say, ‘The bear sneezed’?”

Repeat the prompt to make sure your child has learned from the expansion. “How did you know the bear was sick?” If your child doesn’t say, “The bear sneezed,” then you say it and ask your child to repeat it. Notice how you expanded the child’s original response and modeled how to say it in a complete sentence.

Now, let’s watch a video of a mom and son engaging in **Talking While You Read** as they read a book together. You’ll notice that the mom has the **Talking While You Read Bookmark** in her hand, to remind her about the kinds of questions to ask. I will provide this bookmark to each of you today. *Review key points before or after the video. Answer family questions about the video.*

1.1 Talking While You Read (*Bear Says Thanks*)

Key Points About the Video 

<https://youtu.be/0Ez4Z7w85Tw> (4:44)

- Mom uses some of the important words, like **bare**, from the book to ask questions and talk about the book.
- Mom has the Talking While You Read Bookmark in her hand to remind her about the kinds of questions to ask.
- Mom encourages her son to answer questions in complete sentences by modeling how to do so.
- Mom rereads the relevant part of the story if her son doesn’t know the answer to a question.

Here’s a video of a mom and daughter engaging in Talking While You Read.

1.1 Talking While You Read (*Llama Llama and the Bully Goat*)

Key Points About the Video 

<https://youtu.be/HtVdlHBpjyM> (7:11)

- Mom asks several “wh” questions (who, what, where, when, why, and how) to provide opportunities to engage in a conversation about the book.
- Mom relates the activities in the book to her daughter’s life.
- Mom and daughter discuss words and their meanings (“equation”, “bully”).