

Try these!

1. Share a book

Turn off the TV and phone and spend 10 minutes each day sharing a book.

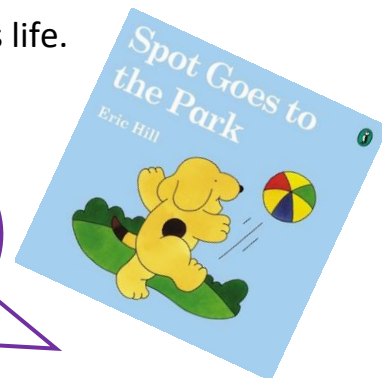
This is the **best thing** you can do to help your child get ready for school.

Talk about the book before and after you read it. **Link** it to your child's life.

Try the **“small talk”** make your own story activity here:



*“We like going to the park too!
We go to the playground.
There are swings and a slide.
And a roundabout. What do
you like best?”*



Ask your child to **name**, **describe** and **remember** things in the book.

What's this?

Look at Spot's ball! What colour is it?

Who did Spot see in the park?

2. Make a puppet or mask

Doing a craft activity after reading a book helps children to recall the story and is an opportunity to talk together more. Make a puppet with a lolly stick and card to go with a book and bring it to next week's session.

Sound-talk

Make your puppet do sound-talk!

Tell your child the bear says he likes to eat *“h-a-m”*.

What can he mean?! Oh! Ham! Yummy! 😊



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