



Reading together: book games for story time

What is it?

A selection of fun, book related games that you can adapt for the book you are currently reading with your child.

Guess Who

Take it in turns to select characters to guess.

- Select a character from a book you're currently reading together.
- Describe their appearance, a characteristic or relationship with another character.
- Ask your child to guess the character.

Challenge: make this trickier by using one word to describe the character.

Find an object

Think about the characters in the book you're reading together.

- Put on a 2-minute timer.
- You both find an object in the house that best represents a character of your choice.
- Take it in turns to guess which character their object represents.

Challenge: make this trickier by saying the object must be in the room you're currently in.

Changing title

Ask your child to pick some of their favourite books and invent new, made-up titles for them. Can you match the new titles with the originals?

Picture it

If you're reading a picture book, choose a page with a detailed illustration.

- Give your child 90 seconds to look at the image and then cover it up.
- Can they remember everything on the page?
- Talk about how the picture looks compared to how it is described in words.

Dressing up

Use whatever you have in the house to recreate scenes from your favourite book. The more imaginative the better!