

Book Activity

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Choose, or let your child choose, any book you have at home to practice.

You can also use online books, this week we recommend:

The Very Hungry Caterpillar <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQK-Sm1YY>

EVERY TIME YOU READ:

- Talk about the pictures and what is happening on each page
- Ask your child, “what do you think will happen next?”
- Ask your child to find things on the page that might be harder to see like, “I can see a butterfly, can you find it?”
- Use actions in the book as a way to move your body while reading like, “look the duck is flapping, can you flap?”
- Find ways for your child to talk about themselves when reading the book – “do you have a pet? Can your pet do a jump like that?”

It might look like this: <https://youtu.be/LyUMmDA6m-w?t=172>

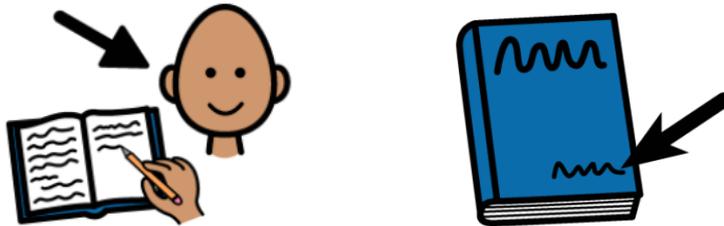
IF READING THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR, USE SENTENCES LIKE THESE:

- “What colours can you see on the caterpillar?”
- “What fruit is this?”
- “The caterpillar ate an apple. Do you like apples?”
- “Is the caterpillar hungry or thirsty?”
- “What do you think the caterpillar will eat next?”
- “The caterpillar is eating a lollipop today. Is a lollipop healthy or unhealthy?”
- “The caterpillar ate something new *every day*. Let’s say the days of the week together. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday... “
- “The caterpillar has a stomach ache because he ate too much food”
- “Wow! The caterpillar turned into a butterfly. Can you flap your wings like a butterfly?”

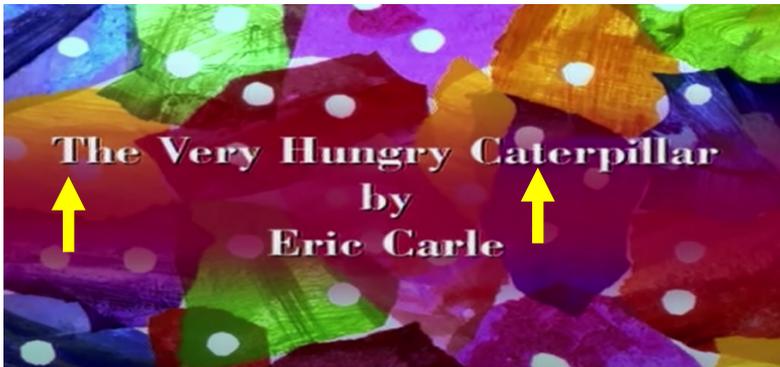
THIS WEEK:

Talk about:

1. The author of the story and what the author does, like:
“These words say the author’s name. They say *Eric Carle*. *Eric Carle* wrote the book.”
“We can find the author on the front of the book.”



2. Uppercase and lowercase letters, like:
“This is an uppercase letter. It’s an uppercase T.”
“Let’s find a lowercase t. Here it is!”



NOTE:

The most important thing is for you and your child to be practising talking as much as possible, even if you’re not reading every word in the book. This will help you child learn new words and new ways to make sentences!