



Look for Print All Around You

You can prepare children for learning to read and write by pointing out print. When you point out the print all around them, children learn that the symbols and writing they see communicate information. Try these fun tips to highlight print throughout the day:

Play Time

Set up a pretend grocery store with plastic food or unopened packaged food. Help the child create signs for each section of the store (for example, **Fruit and Vegetables**, **Frozen Food** and **Cereal**) and read the signs together when they are done. Talk about why it's important to have these signs in a grocery store.



Daily Activities

Point out print on household items and tell the child what it says. For example, you could point out the name of a cereal on the cereal box and read its description.

On the Go

Draw the child's attention to signs that communicate a rule and ask the child what they think about it. For example, "That sign says, 'No Trespassing'. That means people are not allowed to go over there. Why do you think people are not allowed over there?"

Book Reading

Share a book with a child that contains speech balloons. Draw the child's attention to the balloon and explain that the words in the speech balloon tell us exactly what the character is saying. Run your finger under the words as you read them.



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