

Don't be embarrassed or shy about using different voices or tones . Your baby will be an enchanted Audience.

You could use props, such as puppets or his favourite cuddly toy, to help bring the words alive and add actions to your words. It all adds to the appeal of spending talking time together.

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[www.talktoyourbaby.org.uk](http://www.talktoyourbaby.org.uk)

Little Fishes Pre-School

Tips for Parents  
Sharing books and  
talking together



Top Tips

If you are home , find a quiet place and turn off the TV or radio.

This will help your child to listen without distraction.

Your baby will recognise and enjoy the sound of your voice. At times of distress.

Reading can be very calming, particularly when your voice is coupled with her favourite book or character.

Be slow and clear when you read and don't be afraid to use sing-song or funny voices for characters or for words or phrases that are repeated throughout the book. After reading a book several times, baby your baby will anticipate hearing the change in tone and may well show this with a smile widening of the eyes. or a wiggle.

There are many talking opportunities throughout the day and reading can be a regular part of this. Try and keep a book in your bag at all times. Reading together can help a long journey or waiting time pass quickly and Enjoyable.