



# Growing a Reader

3-5 years

Reading is about having fun  
with your children.

## Recommended Resources

Join in the Storytime sessions at your library. They're free.

The following sites have helpful information for parents.

[www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au/](http://www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au/)

[www.better-beginnings.com.au/](http://www.better-beginnings.com.au/)

[www.earlywords.info](http://www.earlywords.info)

[www.letsread.com.au/Parents/Reading-tips-and-tools](http://www.letsread.com.au/Parents/Reading-tips-and-tools)

[www.trevorcairney.blogspot.com.au/](http://www.trevorcairney.blogspot.com.au/)

[www.kids-bookreview.com/](http://www.kids-bookreview.com/)

Don't forget to check us out!

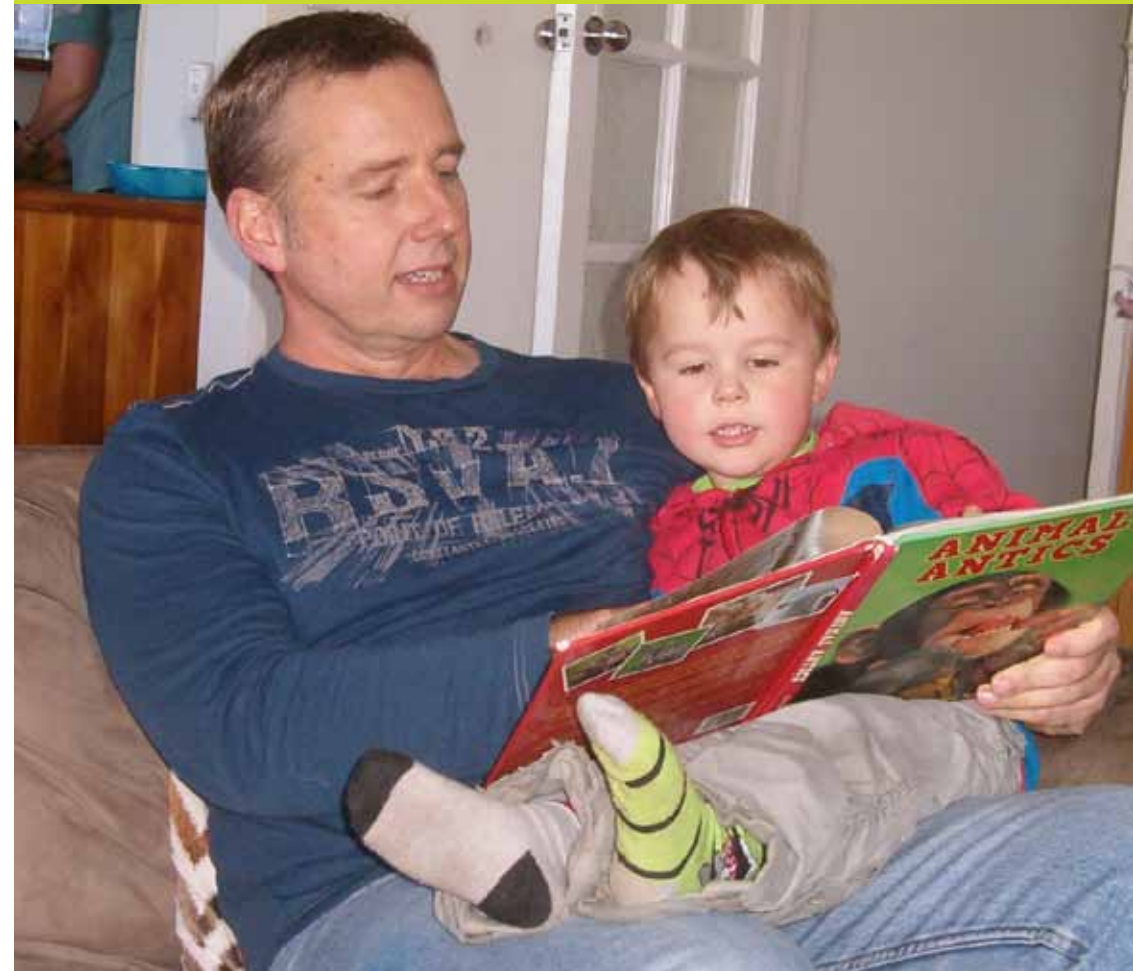
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# What to look for when choosing books for your child

## 2-3 years

- ☆ Simple stories with few characters and predictable plots
- ☆ Repetitive catchy phrases
- ☆ Books about colours, numbers, and alphabet books
- ☆ Rhymes and songs
- ☆ Books which encourage children to join in (such as clapping, pointing to parts of the body)
- ☆ Funny stories that play with words



## For 4-5 years, build on 2-3 years by adding:

- ☆ Simple factual books about real places and things
- ☆ Traditional stories: simple folk and fairy tales and retellings
- ☆ Events like first day at school, first sleepover or moving house
- ☆ First chapter books to read aloud

# What you can do

## 2-3 years

- ☆ Read to your child every day
- ☆ Read stories that have repetition so your child can join in
- ☆ Point to words around you – in the street, supermarket – read what they say
- ☆ Have books around that your children can reach when they're in the mood
- ☆ Let them choose their own books and turn the pages themselves

## For 4-5 years, add:

- ☆ Choose books about things your child is interested in – trucks, dinosaurs, cats, etc
- ☆ Re-read lines your child found funny
- ☆ Share ebooks and apps
- ☆ Point to the words as you read
- ☆ Visit the library often and join in their programs
- ☆ Enjoy reading with your child and have fun!

