

# BOOK START

LANGUAGE FROM THE VERY FIRST MOMENT



# WELCOME TO BOOK START

Book start encourages you as an adult to read aloud, sing, rhyme and chat with your child. Language stimulation at an early age is important so that children become good readers, fond of books and acquire a large vocabulary. In other words, Book start helps children prepare for later life.

Libraries have books for all ages and in many languages. You can borrow books for free.



No, but we love listening!  
Books are also for babies.



Shall we read a book?

Yes, but you can't read!



# READ AND TALK

When you read together, your child becomes better at listening and talking.

Language is important when the child learns to read later on.



Humpty Dumpty  
sat on a wall,  
Humpty Dumpty  
had a great fall,  
All the king's horses  
and all the king's men,  
Couldn't put Humpty  
together again.




Turn off the TV and  
other screens.  
Read in peace and quiet.  
Enjoy your time together  
on the couch.





Tell stories about  
the old days.

Sing for us!



Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are,  
Up above the world so high,  
Like a diamond in the sky,  
twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are.



## READ AND NARRATE

Read aloud or talk about the pictures.  
Children love to hear their mum or  
dad's voice.

## READ MANY TIMES

Children like to read the same book  
over and over again.

## READ EVERYTHING

You can read more than just books. Such as advertisements, road signs, newspaper texts and the milk carton.

A child learns new words and phrases by listening to them being read aloud.


Try to explain difficult words.

ROAD SIGNS



Hickory dickory dock  
The mouse ran up the clock  
The clock struck one  
The mouse ran down  
Hickory dickory dock.



An illustration of a brown fox with a white chest and muzzle, sitting on a yellow and orange surface. The fox is holding a large green book open and reading to a smaller brown fox child. A speech bubble above the fox contains text. A small green frog is visible in the bottom left corner.

Once upon a time there were two children, a brother and a sister, whose names were Hansel and Gretel...

## READ EVERYWHERE

On the floor. The changing table. The bus.  
The train. The beach.

On the couch. In the garden.  
In the park. In the forest.

## READ YOURSELF

When you read, your child will also read.



# GO TO THE LIBRARY

The library can recommend good books, audiobooks, films and computer games.

All children are welcome and they don't need to be quiet and calm.

Many libraries also have their own activities for young children.




Baa baa black sheep, have you any wool?  
Yes sir, yes sir, three bags full!  
One for the master, one for the dame,  
And one for the little boy  
who lives down the lane.



## READ BOOKS

You can borrow them for free at the library. Wish for books as a gift. Buy them at the bookstore. On the internet. In the grocery store.



London Bridge is  
falling down,  
Falling down,  
falling down.  
London Bridge is  
falling down,  
My fair lady.

## READ OFTEN

You don't need to read for a long time, but read often.





The project «Book start» encourages you to read with your child. Sharing books is fun for you both. Reading together helps to develop the child's attentiveness and vocabulary. Reading books is the best way to learn new words!

By gifting books to children and their parents, we are facilitating a good and lifelong relationship with language and literature.

Book start is a collaboration between child health centers, libraries and Foreningen !les.

