



Talking While You Read Using PEER

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Prompt your child to say something about the book. "What did the caterpillar do after it hatched from the egg?" Child responds, "Eat."

Evaluate your child's response. "That's right."

Expand your child's response by rephrasing and adding information to it. "Can you tell me what the caterpillar ate?" (Child says, "Cake and oranges."). "That's right. After the caterpillar hatched from the egg, it ate cake and oranges."

Repeat the prompt. "What did the caterpillar do after it hatched from the egg?" If your child doesn't say the answer in a complete sentence, then repeat the answer and ask your child to say it, "After the caterpillar hatched from the egg, it ate cake and oranges." Model how to answer questions in complete sentences and encourage your child to do so.

Example wh Questions

- What is the name of this? (point to an object)
- What is _____ used for?
- Where does this story take place?
- When did...?
- Why did...?
- Why is he/she smiling?
- How do you think he/she feels?

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