

Telling stories



What we know

Stories are all around us to share with each other.

Some stories are in books, some are on paper, some are in our heads and hearts. We can hear or tell them, read or listen to them, and we remember them.

Stories connect us to other people, places or times; stories can be true or made up.

Stories can change how we feel, or think, and we can make and change our own stories.

Children can create stories too. Sharing stories strengthens the connection between you and your child.

What to do

Snuggle up together and tell a story from your family history: a wedding, a birth, what you did when you were little or where your parents lived as children.

Create stories together about an event in your child's life: a birthday, a holiday, when they got their first pet. Or make up a story about a pretend character.

Write down the stories you have created to make 'books'. Illustrate them using collage and drawings and photographs.

Keep the books you have made on your bookshelf and read them together.



A book to read

Beware of the Storybook Wolves
by Lauren Child



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Things to say

'Let me tell you a story about...'

'Do you remember when...?'

'Let's create a story. What will it be about?'

'What characters shall we have in our story? Who shall we choose?'

'What will the setting be – where does our story happen?'

'What happens? What happens next?'