



Age Group
Kinders

The Bookworm



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Vocabulary

Vocabulary is knowing the names of things. This is a very important skill for children to have when they are learning to read. Most children enter school knowing between 3,000 and 5,000 words.

Why is it important for children to hear a wide range of words?

Children need to know the meaning of words to understand what they are reading.

When you think about it, you know that you are reading a word correctly if you have heard it before. The more words children hear, the more ready they will be to make connections between sounding out words and knowing they're pronouncing them correctly.

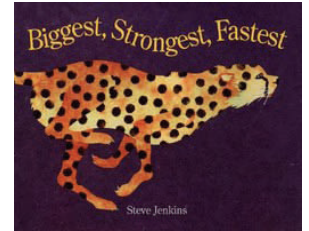
The best way to help your children build vocabulary is to talk and read with them.

- Studies show that children whose parents talk to them a lot, better understand what they read.
- Talk to your child about what is going on around you. Talk about how things work, feelings and ideas. Listen when your child talks to you.
- Speak in the language that is most comfortable for you.
- Read to your child every day. Children's books have more rare words than everyday conversations. Talk about the stories and the pictures in books.
- Learn together by reading information books. Help your child pick out books about the things he or she is interested in.

Book of the Month

***Biggest, Strongest, Fastest*, by Steve Jenkins**

Beautiful paper cut-outs illustrate this picture book about some of the "biggest and smallest, fastest and slowest, strongest and longest" record holders in the animal world. Children will want to read about these amazing facts over and over again!

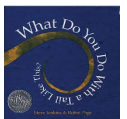


If your child enjoyed this book, check out some of these other books by Steve Jenkins



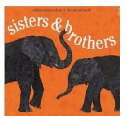
Big and Little

What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?



Just a Second

Sisters and Brothers



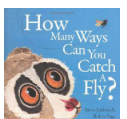
What Do You Do When Something Wants to Eat You?

Time for a Bath



Almost Gone: The World's Rarest Animals

How Many Ways Can You Catch a Fly?



Looking Down

The Beetle Book



Down Down Down

More fun with *Biggest, Strongest, Fastest...*

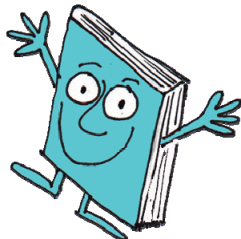
Math connection... There are many ways to measure things. Older children can begin to use tools such as rulers, but at this age children measure things by comparing size, length and weight. Find five objects around the house. Ask your child to arrange them in order from "smallest," to "biggest." If this is easy, choose one object and ask your child to find something in the house that is bigger, smaller, and about the same size. This activity also helps children build vocabulary.

Arts and crafts... Steve Jenkins makes his pictures by cutting and tearing different kinds of paper and layering them into shapes, called "collage." You can help your child make a collage with simple materials:

- A sheet of blank paper or cardboard
- Lots of different kinds of paper (junk mail, newspaper, magazines, tissue paper, etc.)
- Non-toxic glue or homemade paste (mix a little flour and water together)
- Safety scissors (or just tear the paper)

Why Kids Need Nonfiction

- Information books and magazines play an important part in motivating children to read.
- Many kids enjoy information books as much as story books.
- Nonfiction can be a way for parents to share their interests with their children.
- Information books expose children to special words and concepts, which helps build language.
- Reading nonfiction now can help children prepare for reading these types of books later in life.



Action Rhyme

The Zoo

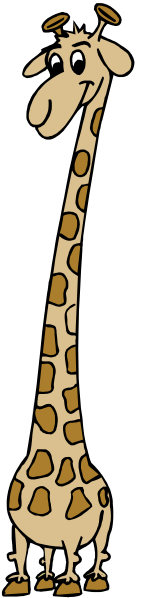
A good poem to use with body movements and to have discussions about describing words

At the zoo we saw a bear
He had long, dark fuzzy hair
pretend to walk etc. like a bear

We saw a lion in a cage.
He was in an awful rage.
pretend to be a angry lion

We saw the big, long-necked giraffe,
And the silly monkeys made us laugh
everybody laugh

But my favorite animal at the zoo
Is the elephant--how about you?



What your library can do for you...

Your library, in cooperation with the Idaho Commission for Libraries, now offers free "storytimes online" every day of the year. Each day features an online book to read with your child, as well as songs, rhymes, fingerplays, videos, crafts, and other activities that you can access from a computer or Smartphone. Visit today!

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