

Reading for speech and language development



Reading contributes to the development of both **receptive** and **expressive** speech and language development by...

- Introducing **vocabulary**.
- Demonstrating **language structures**.
- Increasing **phonological awareness**.
- Facilitating **comprehension** through discussion.
- Improving **confidence** and fostering **connections**.

Choose **five** books that contribute towards speech and language development from each of the following categories:

- A book with **rhyming** text.
- A story with a **repeated refrain**.
- A book that requires **choice** and **interactivity**.
- A **non-fiction** text that will introduce **vocabulary**.
- A story that will inspire **questioning** and **discussion**.

Read these books aloud to an audience and record your reflections.

Here are some prompts you may wish to consider:

- Have children **incorporated** any of these **books** in their own **play**?
- Have you **observed** children using newly learned **vocabulary**?
- Have you **noticed** an increase in **confidence** or **communication**?
- Can children **recall** any of the **rhymes** or **repeated refrains**?
- Did these books **inspire new interests** for any children?