

# Our Story

*The eagle said,  
we can...*



Tell a story to your child, pausing at several points to let him add some parts.

Your child's creativity will blossom as he thinks of new ideas and tries them out in storytelling.

*...fly over the  
mountain.*



## Why this is important

Creative storytelling provides a safe opportunity for your child to try out new ideas. When he adds ideas, he can use his imagination to change the outcome of the story. Telling a story is good preparation for the later task of creative writing.

## What you do

- Invite your child to join you in telling a story. For the first few times, you may need to tell the majority of the story, only pausing occasionally to encourage him to add a word or sentence.
- Begin a story with simple details such as: *Once upon a time, a little rabbit was hopping down the forest path. He looked up in an oak tree, and he saw...*
- Pause for your child's idea, then continue with the details he provides: *Down came the squirrel and said, "Let's go to the...."* Continue the story this way.
- Tell short stories until he feels comfortable and confident with this storytelling format.
- Wait for him to offer more information about the characters and plot. He may provide more than just a one-or two-word answer after several practice stories. Prompt him by asking, *Did anything else happen?*

## Another idea

Use this game with your child and other family members or friends by letting them take turns adding to the story.

### Let's read together!

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