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### HOW DO I USE A BOOK WITHOUT WORDS?

#### TIP 1



**Follow your child's interest.** Children learn most when they are engaged in what they are interested in. Pay attention to what your child is attracted to. For example, if your child is interested in the babies you could ask, 'Oh look, these babies have toys! Which toy do you like?'

#### TIP 2



**Always respond positively to your child.** This helps with confidence. For example, you can ask, 'what do you think this is?' and whatever your child replies, respond positively. For example, if they say 'its an orange' - try not to respond negatively. You can say, 'Yes, it is round like an orange, but I think it might be a ball'

#### TIP 3



**Point and name things in the book.** This helps with language skills. For example, while pointing, you could say "look at the big tree."

#### TIP 4



**Ask who, what and where questions.** For example, you could ask, "Where is the dog?" Remember, whatever your child replies, respond positively to them.

#### TIP 5



**Build on what your child says.** This helps with your child's thinking skills. For example, here you could ask, "Oh, what is the mother cooking?" Whatever your child replies, build on it. If they reply "pap", build on it - you could say, "Yum! What is your favourite thing to eat with pap?"

#### TIP 6



**Encourage your child to think about what will happen next.** This helps with thinking skills and imagination. For example, here you could ask, 'Look, the Dad is leaving in his car to go to work. What is the family going to do next?'



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