

Telling Stories // Aged 3 – 4



Encourage your child to retell parts of a familiar story from a book or film.

You can use story books to help them do this, but encourage them to tell the story in their own words (not to stick to the words you use when you tell the story!)

Children enjoy hearing the same stories again and again. This repetition helps them learn about story telling.

When reading familiar stories together, begin a sentence and pause to give opportunities for your child to join in e.g “Once upon a time there were three ...”



Join in with your child’s imaginary play. Follow their lead, but encourage them to talk about the game they are playing. To encourage your child to play a variety of pretend games, you can offer your own suggestions, e.g. “Is teddy hungry or thirsty today?”