

Week 9 Term 2, 2019  
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Hello to all of our Little Explorers and their explorer guides.

This week's Learning Games focus on telling a story.

So it's also a great opportunity to tell you about a strategy that we can use to help foster children's language development. It is called "Conversational reading". The talk goes back and forth between you and your child. It doesn't always follow the words in the book. Children sit on your lap or beside you when you do conversational reading. We think **3S** to help us remember how to do this. (See, Show, Say). We have a sticker in the front of most of our Playgroup books to help you with this. We also have a bookmark for you to take home with this information, which you can collect Thursday. I am happy to demonstrate this technique to you during playtime. Please ask me.

Conversational Reading – 3S strategy

**See**  
Pointing to an object on the page and naming it - See

**Show**  
Encourage your child to show you the object by pointing to it - Show

**Say**  
Encourage your child to name the object - Say

Unlike normal story reading, Conversational Reading is much more of a back and forth process, like a conversation. The idea is to talk about the pictures, name objects and also to discuss what is happening in the book. Children have an active role to play - they are talking with you.

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**Learning Game 12** "A Hiding Game" (aimed at children aged between birth and 6 months) helps baby learn that things go away and come back. It also helps their eye muscles grow strong and "track" (a skill needed to read).

**Learning Game 33** "Find a picture" (aimed at children aged between 6 months and 12 months) helps children connect words with pictures. This is also a skill children need when learning to read.

**Learning Game 136** "Who, what, where?" (aimed at children between 3 and 4 years of age) helps children learn to talk with people in a back and forth conversation. It helps your child learn taking turns in a conversation by listening and speaking about a topic. Children will be asked to answer these types of questions at school.



If you'd like a change of pace, **Learning Game 58** "Choosing Lids" (aimed at 1 to 2 year olds) asks children to find the lid for a container, and then to screw it on. It helps your child learn to make choices and to solve problems. It also helps them strengthen their fingers and develop their fine motor skills. It helps them learn new words, like "open" and "close", "big" and "small".

At our collage table this week we will be making a stick puppet of "Rosie the Hen". Children will be invited to bring this puppet to story time, and use it to join in telling the story of "Rosie's Walk".

### Safety First

Our school safety policy requires that we have a complete and accurate record of who is in the school grounds at every point in time. This information is used purely to keep us safe eg in the event of a fire drill, we need to know that everyone is accounted for. Your details are not shared. Please assist us in this by signing in and out every time you attend playgroup.

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Parents Name	Childs name	Email seeexplorers@y...y	Sign	Time In/out

### Thank you

A sincere thank you to all of you for helping to set up and pack away the playgroup equipment. This is appreciated very much.

### Date claimer.

Next week, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June, Sue from Lowood library will be visiting playgroup and reading a story.

I'm looking forward to see you again on Thursday  
Happy playing and talking.

*Heben Levitt.*

Playgroup co-ordinator

