

# Parts of a Book

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## The World of Print

Your animal lover would enjoy a trip down the Amazon River. Wouldn't your little comedian love a book of knock-knock jokes? I'm sure your rising basketball star would appreciate reading the latest stats. There are no bounds for your child when it comes to the exotic worlds she can explore in books. Use picture books, recipes, online articles, and magazines to teach the concepts of print.



Create a print rich environment for your child to immerse them with written language. Label clothing and toy bins with words and photographs. Fill bookshelves with books of many genres. Your child should begin connecting words to meaning. Spend quality time reading books aloud and going over the parts of books.

# Important Milestones to Learn

## Teach the Parts of a Book

Books are treasures and your child should learn to treat them gently. Teach them to identify the front and back cover of the book and the spine. Read the title and point out the author's and illustrator's names each time you begin reading a new book. Practice turning pages with care. Your child will learn that books open towards the left and the print should be facing the right way.

Have fun practicing these words by writing them on sticky notes. Encourage your child to label the parts of a book. They can also make a book and label it's parts. Consistency is important here. When you read books to your child engage in self-talk about what you're doing, where your finger is pointing, and how you're holding the book.

# Book Bingo

Check the pictures that show kids who are holding their book the right way.



# Front of the Book

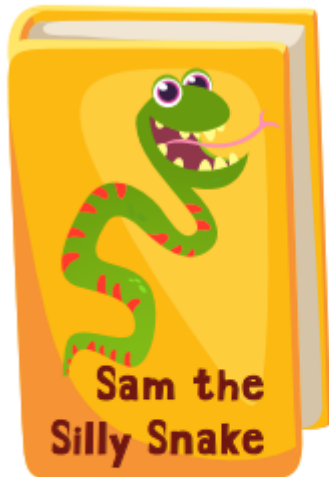
Check the picture of the child who is showing the front cover of the book.





# FIND THE TITLE!

Look at the pictures of books below. Put a check next to the books that have titles.



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## Teach the Structure of a Page

Phonemic awareness is one of the first building blocks to literacy. Your child has been learning that letters have sounds that are strung together to form words. Words are separated by spaces to form sentences and then paragraphs. Have your child finger-point each word and take note of capitalization and punctuation at the end of sentences.

Use word cards to have your child build words and sentences. Consider using some type of marker to show the spacing between words.

For example:

The car is red.

The flower is red.

The apple is red.

# Learn Spaces with Spacing Aliens!

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We separate words with spaces. Spacing Aliens will help you do it! Read the sentences. Color the Spacing Aliens.



A fish swims in a pond.



A monkey eats a banana.



A dog sits on a rug.



# Spacing Quiz

Which sentences have all the spaces in place?  
Check the correct boxes.



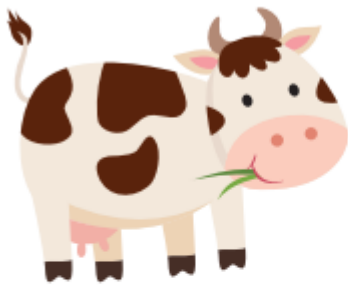
Stars shine inthesky.

Stars shine in the sky.



Amouseeats cheese.

A mouse eats cheese.



A cow eats grass.

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Abirdsitson atree.

A bird sits on a tree.




## Teach Which Direction to Read

The English language is read from top to bottom left to write. It takes time to master the sweep at the end of a line back to the left. Books designed for younger children often have less than four lines on the page as to not overwhelm young readers with too much text. These activities from Kids Academy are ideal to practice directionality.



# Harry's Pets


Trace on the dotted lines to see what Harry says about his pets.  
Then, check the correct picture of him and his pets.

I have a pet .



The  is **blue**.




I have a pet .



The  is **yellow**.



I have a pet .



The  is **green**.



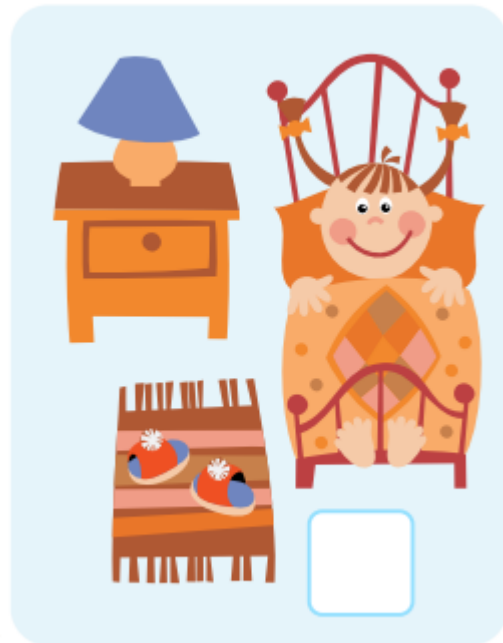
# Mary's Room

Trace along the dotted lines to see what Mary says about her room. Then, check the correct picture of her in her room.

I have a  
big bed.

I have a  
red lamp.

I have a  
spotted rug.



Read the other articles in the Parts of a Book section to learn about with different aspects of this area of skills in more detail.