

Story Telling



Try these ideas to help your child's narrative skills...

- Make up imaginary stories.
- Tell stories that have a sequence of events like making juice so that there is a clear **beginning, middle and end**. Use words like: **'first'**, **'then'** and **'after'** (e.g., "First - pour in the Kool-Aid powder, then add the water, then stir the Kool-Aid, and after pour a drink.").
- Keep the story going by saying **"Tell me more"** or **"What happened next?"**
- Extend your child's topic by:
 - **Describing** (e.g., "Did you see the giraffe's loooong neck?")
 - **Explaining** (e.g., "The giraffe needs a long neck to reach the leaves.")
- **Relate** your discussion to the past/future (e.g., "Remember the giraffe at the zoo?").
- If your child is telling you something about preschool, try linking it to something at home.
- Encourage them to tell the story over and over; this allows them to add more details, expand and make the story more complex.
- After reading a book many times, pause to see if your child can tell some of the story.