

# WHEN YOU

Sharing books builds early language and literacy skills and nurtures a lifelong love of reading.



## Cuddle up Explore

The sound of your voice and comfort of your arms give babies the security they need to learn. By jointly focusing on a book, you also support language development.

#### Follow their lead

Respond to your baby's gurgles and coos-you're helping them learn how language and conversation work. Feel free to stop reading when you sense your baby has had enough.

Look for bright and highcontrast illustrations to catch a baby's attention. Sturdy board books are great for grabbing and chomping, two of the ways babies explore their world.

### Make it a habit

Predictable routines are soothing to babies. Plus, by reading (and talking and singing) every day, you help your baby learn new sounds, words, and concepts.



