

## **How Books Work (Concepts About Print)**

- **front of the book**
- **back of the book**
- **title**
- **where do we start reading**
- **which way do we go**
- **where is the end on this page**
- **one-to-one matching**
- **one word**
- **two words**
- **the first letter of a word**
- **the last letter of a word**
- **an upper case letter (capital)**
- **a lower case letter (small letter)**
- **a period**
- **a question mark**
- **quotation marks (talking marks)**

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**This list is for you to use as a reference.**

**After reading lots of books to your child and pointing out all of these concepts over weeks and months, you can do a simple assessment to see which concepts are known.**

**Check off the concepts that are known. You'll need a level C or level 3 book.**

**Teach your child the concepts that are still unknown. The best way to do this is while reading books together. Teach one at a time. Don't overwhelm your child. Keep it casual. Do one at a time.**

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## How Books Work – Assessment - Questions to Ask Your Child

Use a level C or level 3 book. Sit on the right side of your child. Check off the ones your child

<input type="checkbox"/> Show me the front of the book.	Hold the book in front of your child with the spine of the book pointing at him or her.
<input type="checkbox"/> Show me the back of the book.	Hold the book the same way as above.
<input type="checkbox"/> Where is the title?	Hold the book with the front cover facing your child.
<input type="checkbox"/> Where do we start reading?	Open the book to the first page of print.
<input type="checkbox"/> Which way do we go? Show me with your finger.	Your child should sweep the finger to the right along the sentence.
<input type="checkbox"/> Point to each word as I read.	Read slowly. Put your child's finger under the first word if needed.
<input type="checkbox"/> Show me a word.	Show your child how to hug a word by putting one fingertip in front of a word and one fingertip at the end of a word. Then ask again.
<input type="checkbox"/> Show me the first letter of a word.	Ask your child to point to it.
<input type="checkbox"/> Show me the last letter of a word.	Ask your child to point to it.
<input type="checkbox"/> Show me an upper case letter or capital letter.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Show me a lower case or small letter.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Show me a period. What does it mean?	It means stop or it's the end.
<input type="checkbox"/> What does this mean? ( ? )	It means it's a question. Someone is asking something.
<input type="checkbox"/> What do these mean? ( “ ” )	Those are talking marks. It means someone is saying something.

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