



Every picture tells a story

What to do with this activity?

There are pictures everywhere - in story books, in magazines and newspapers, on birthday cards, and social media. Look at pictures with your child and talk about them together. Make comments, ask questions, and listen to what your child has to say.

A lot of pictures have a story attached to them. Ask questions like - "what do you think is going to happen next?" (Especially if it's a sports action picture), or "what's that person thinking about?". Pictures of animals or children are a good bet for engaging your little one.

Let your child make up their own story about a picture. For instance, look at the picture above and think together about what might be happening. What are the two people saying to each other; what are they doing? There are no right or wrong answers - it's whatever you say it is. This is a good way of encouraging your child to talk, and to learn to structure little stories.

For a child with a vivid imagination there are story books with no words - you have to tell the story yourself. Look for "Journey" by Aaron Becker, perhaps at your local library. Your local library will have picture books that you can borrow for free.