

# Example Tip

## Early Literacy Tip Worksheet

**AN EFFECTIVE TIP:** Connects the dots between the activity and early literacy and later reading skills.

The **example tip** is one you say during the storytime, as you are demonstrating. You are pointing out how what you are doing is supporting an early literacy component and later reading. They see it firsthand

### Reading Process: Sound out words (decoding)

- Phonological Awareness**
  - Sounds of animals and/or things
  - Hearing/saying nursery rhymes
  - Breaking words apart and putting them together
  - Hearing/clapping syllables
  - Hearing beginning sounds/alliteration
  - Rhyme—hear, recognize, make
- Letter Knowledge**
  - Point out and play with shapes
  - Point out and play games with what's alike and different
  - Letters all around
  - Play with letters
  - Scribble, draw, write
- Print Awareness/Concepts**
  - Print has meaning
  - Show how to handle books
  - Following direction of text
  - Environment print
  - Early writing

### Reading Process: Understand what they will read (comprehension)

- Vocabulary**
  - Introduce more/new words
  - Words for things, feelings, concepts, ideas
  - Explain (don't replace) words
  - Rare words in books
  - New meanings to familiar words
  - Informational books different vocabulary
- Background Knowledge**
  - Share informational/factual books
  - Express knowledge on different topics
  - Concepts: size, color, opposites, spatial relationships; matching
  - Ask open-ended questions
  - Predict what will happen
  - Recognize patterns
  - Enjoy books
  - Understand story structure
  - Tell/retell stories; recount events
  - Make connections between stories and children's experiences

**Storytime Item** (book, song, movement activity, flannel board, etc.)

**Activity:** What you are doing with the item, which skill are you supporting and how

**Early Literacy Tip** Help parents/caregivers practice this behavior with their children

# Empower Tip

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The **empower tip** is one you say at or near the end of your storytime to give the adults ideas of ways to support the early literacy component at home, things we don't do in the library! It can be helpful to offer a handout which includes the tip. Extends the early literacy component highlighted in the Example Tip.

<b>Early Literacy Component:</b> (From Example Tip)
<b>Connection to Home Activities/Environment</b>
<b>Handout? If yes, describe briefly</b>
<b>Early Literacy Tip</b> Help parents/caregivers practice this behavior with their children