



READINESS SKILL
IDENTIFIES FRONT AND BACK
OF A BOOK

Reading Readiness skills will help prepare your child to learn how to read. Your child will use these very simple but important skills every time they pick up a book to read in the future.

Being able to **identify the front and back of a book** helps a child know how to hold a book while opening it to get to the beginning of the story. As adults, we know how to do this without even thinking; it has become an ingrained habit. With practice, your child, too, will become an expert at **identifying the front and back of a book**.

HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD WITH THIS SKILL AT HOME?

1. A great time to reinforce these skills is while reading to your child. Here are some good things to say before and after reading.

I'm patting the front of the book.

If I turn the book over, then I can pat the back of the book.

Point to the front of the book.

Let's find the back.

The story begins at the front of the book. That's where we want to start.

Can you open the front of the book?

Let's close the back of the book.

2. For a child to demonstrate this skill, they need to understand the meaning of front and back. If necessary, turn this into a fun game by having your child stand in front of or in back of named objects throughout your home.
3. To discover if your child needs some practice with this skill, hand them a book upside down, spine facing right. See if they automatically turn the book over to the front and flip the book spine to the left. If not, keep reinforcing the concepts while you read books to your child. They will soon grasp this concept through repeated practice.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AT HOME!