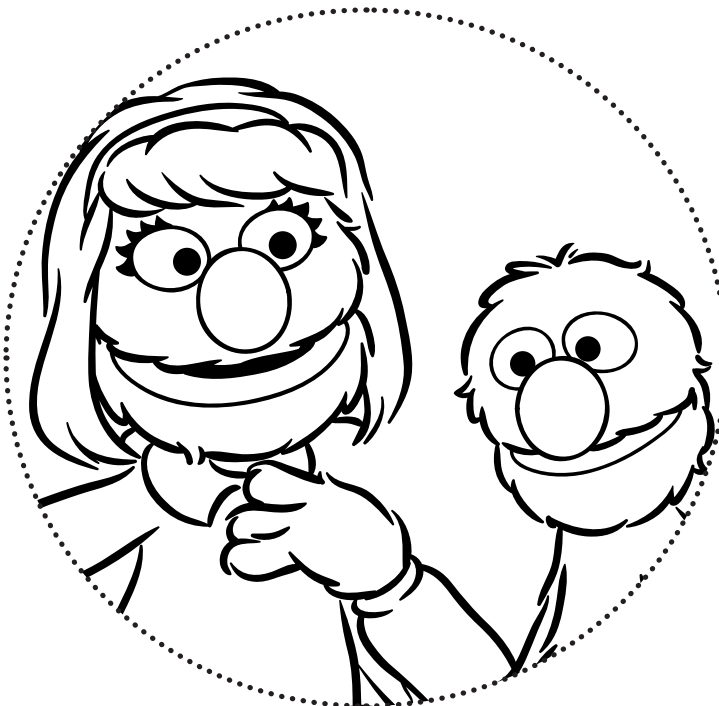


Talk Together, Read Together

Reading Together

Talk as You Read: Point out ways that kids are like the characters in the book (“Look, he’s wearing a red shirt just like you.”). Older children can answer questions such as, “What do you think will happen next?”

Bring the Story to Life: Use different voices for each character or act out scenes with body movements or sound effects. Change the story to make it most appealing—for instance, speaking slowly in a sing-song voice to help engage a baby. No matter what, children benefit from sitting together and hearing their parent’s voice.



Talking Together

Name Your World: Mention the names for things children see, hear, smell, taste, and feel. Point to a window and say, *I see a window*. Touch a soft blanket together and say, *The sweater feels soft*. Children remember words best when they experience them.

Share Stories and Conversations: Even if babies can’t yet talk, you can still tell them stories. Adults can also have “conversations” with babies such as, *Are you excited? Oh yes, you are kicking your legs and laughing, you must be excited.*