

Helping Your Emergent Reader

	Step	What you do	Why you do it	Example
P	Prompt	Ask a simple question to start the conversation. Avoid using questions that can be answered with "yes" or "no"	Gives your child the opportunity to engage in conversation.	What is this?
E	Evaluate	Think about the child's response. Make necessary corrections and praise your child!	Moves along the conversation and teaches child important information.	You're right, it is a caterpillar! Or, it looks like a worm but it's actually a caterpillar.
E	Expand	Follow answers with more questions	Keeps the conversation moving.	What color is the caterpillar? Where did we see a caterpillar?
R	Repeat	Let your child know the answer is correct by repeating it back, or give your child the opportunity to practice new vocabulary.	Re-enforces vocabulary	Yes, it's a green caterpillar. The green caterpillar wiggles. Can you say "wiggles" with me?