



The Five Practices of Early Literacy and Their Uses in Programming

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It's never too early to help children develop language and other early literacy skills...and never too late to support them!



Learning to read
begins *before*
children start
school.



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Five simple practices help children
get ready to read.

 Talking |  Singing |  Reading |  Writing |  Playing



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Help children get ready to
read with simple activities
every day.



Talking:

Children learn about language by listening to grown-ups talk and by joining the conversation.



Talking helps children
get ready to read.





Singing helps children
get ready to read.



Singing:

Songs are a natural way to
learn about language.



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Reading helps children
get ready to read.



Reading:

Reading together with children
is the single most important way to
help them get ready to read.



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Writing helps children
get ready to read.



Writing:

Reading and writing go together.





Playing:

Children learn about language through different kinds of play.



Playing helps children
get ready to read.



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knowledge with parents
and caregivers in your
community.



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