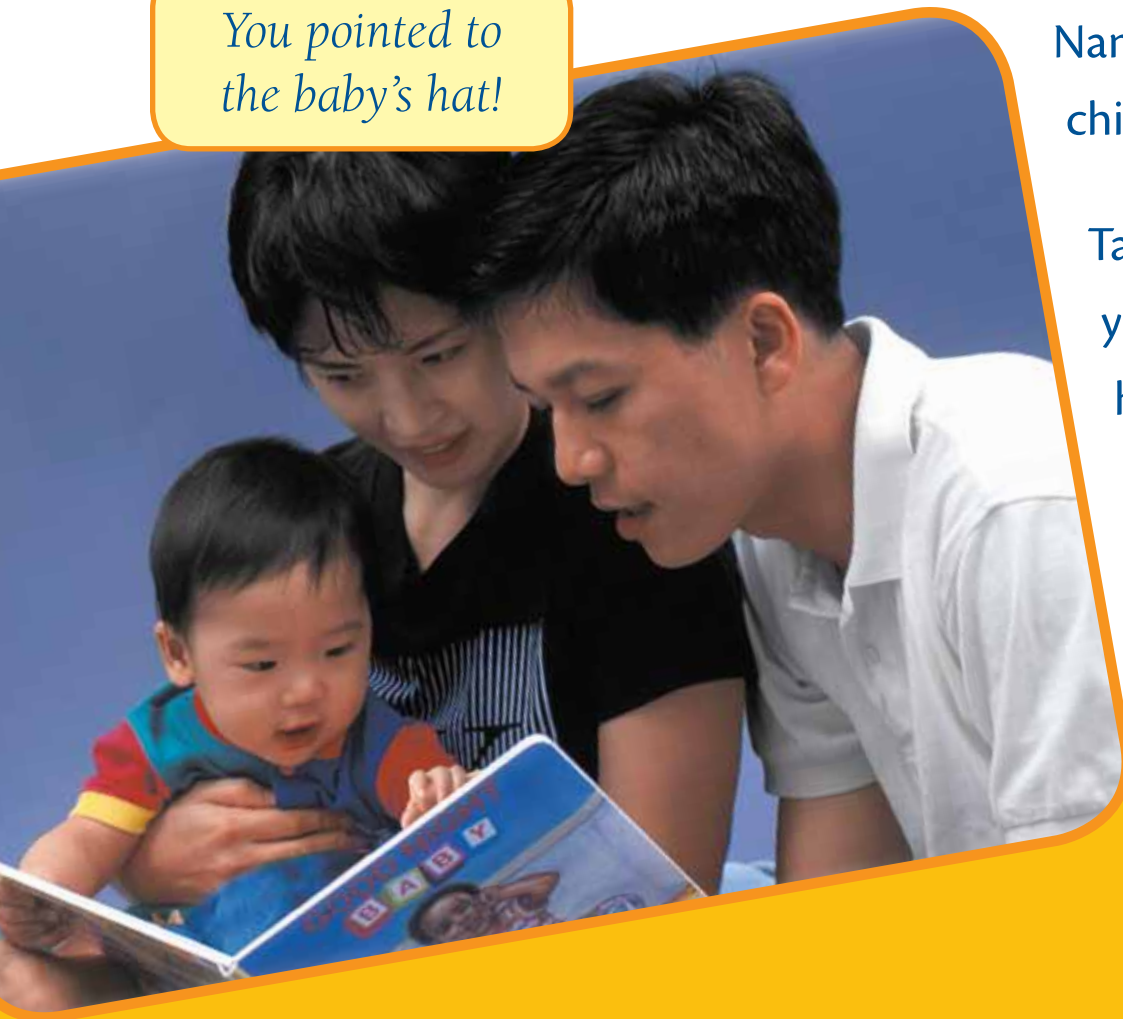


Touch and Name With Books

*You pointed to
the baby's hat!*

Name any picture your
child touches in a book.

Talking about the things
your child touches
helps him learn the
names of things he
finds interesting.





Why this is important

You can follow your child's lead and give him information about the pictures he notices in a book. By naming the things he touches or points to, you are talking about something that already has his interest. Later he can show you he knows the names of pictures by pointing to them when you ask him to.

What you do

- Point to the pictures as you name them when sharing a book with your child. Keep the activity simple by pointing to one object per page, slowly naming each one.
- Wait until your child touches something on the page. Then name and talk about that thing. *You're touching the pig.*
- Listen to hear if your child says something that sounds a little like *What's that?* as he points. Repeat his attempted words and immediately answer. *What's that? It's an airplane.*
- Ask him a question to encourage him to point to something, if he does not touch anything on the page. *What do you like on this page?*

Ready to move on?

When your child becomes familiar with the book, encourage him to point to things you name in the pictures. *Can you show me the puppy? There it is!* You can also play the game with picture cards or with posters on the wall.

Let's read together!

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