

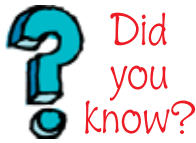
# Ages and Stages of Reading

Reading is a complicated task that relies on many skills that work together. These skills develop over a long period of time, starting in infancy. While new skills are added, earlier skills expand and improve. Parents help children become successful readers by talking, listening, and reading with their children.

Infants and Toddlers:

## ORAL LANGUAGE

**At this age...** The words spoken to infants and toddlers and early experiences build a bank of knowledge that is a foundation for other learning.



Becoming a successful reader is directly linked to the amount of words infants and toddlers hear. Reading and talking to our youngest children builds knowledge about words and language they will later use in learning to talk and read.



Book  
Tip

Read often with infants and toddlers and talk about what you are reading. A young child's world expands with each book reading when conversations take place before, during, and after the reading.

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