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- Show me the back of the book.
- Show me the title of the book.
- Show me where it tells the story.

Your child should point to the words, not the picture.

- Show me where we start reading.
- Show me which direction we go when we read.

Your child should follow the text with their finger from left to right.

- Show me what we do when we get to the end of the line.  
Your child should return sweep with their finger to go to the next line of text.

- Show me one letter. Show me two letters.  
Have your child use index cards to hide all the letters but one/two at a time.

- Name three letters on the page.
- Show me one word. Show me two words.  
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- Show me the first word on the page.
- Show me the last word on the page.
- Show me the first letter in a word.
- Show me the last letter in a word.
- Show me a capital letter.
- Show me a lowercase letter.

- Show me a period. What does it mean?  
A period means to stop because it is the end of the sentence.

- Show me a question mark. What does it mean?  
A question mark means you are asking a question. Have your child demonstrate their understanding by asking you a question.

- Point to the words as I read the story to you.  
Make sure your child is pointing to each word as you read. Their pointing should be crisp...like a frog hopping to each word, not like a snake sliding to each word.

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