

Tips and Tricks:

Sharing *I'm a Dirty Dinosaur* (a picture book by Janeen Brian & Ann James)

Children love sharing stories with you.
Have fun and give some of these ideas a go.

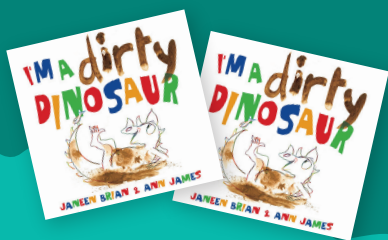
Have fun with the story

You don't just have to read the words. Have fun and spend time talking about what interests your child in the book.

Point out new words and talk about what they mean

"Snout", "sniff", "snuff", "splatter", "stomp", "swamp"
"This is the dinosaur's snout. Where is your snout? You don't have a snout, it's your nose!"

Talking about, or showing children, can help them understand new words.



Relate the pictures and words to what your child might already know

"I'm a dirty dinosaur with a dirty face." "Look at his dirty face. What else can make your face dirty?" "What do you do if you get dirty?"

Do the actions together

"Shake, shake, shake, shake, shake about the place!" Shake your hands, feet and bodies. "How should we shake? How would a dinosaur shake?"

Point out and play with letters and words

"S" "Slide like a Snail." "I'll Stomp to the Swamp."

Find more things that start with *"s-s-s-s"* in the book and around you.

Talk about the words that rhyme

Make a comment or guess what might happen next.

Keep the conversation going

"Uh oh, I can see him looking at that muddy puddle again..."

Look at the very back cover of the book—what do you see?



Hint:

Your child learns more if they can see your face and the book as you read and talk about the story together. Try sitting next to each other.

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