



# 10 Great Reasons to read aloud to babies

1. When you hold your baby and read to him, you show your baby you love him.
2. Reading time can be relaxing time. The sound of your voice is calming and soothing to your baby.
3. Reading to your baby helps her brain grow.
4. Listening to you read, talk and sing give your baby the words he will say some day.
5. Your baby learns the names of things when you talk about the pictures in books.
6. Books are toys for your baby at first (that she likes to chew on!). As she grows, she learns there is a story inside.
7. The rhythm and rhyme in children's books are like a song to your baby that more entertaining than everyday talking.
8. Reading to your baby strengthens his emotional bonds with family members.
9. Reading to your baby now will start the tradition of reading together every day as your child grows older.
10. When you read to your baby she is on her way to loving books!

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# 5 Great Reasons to read aloud to babies *before* birth!

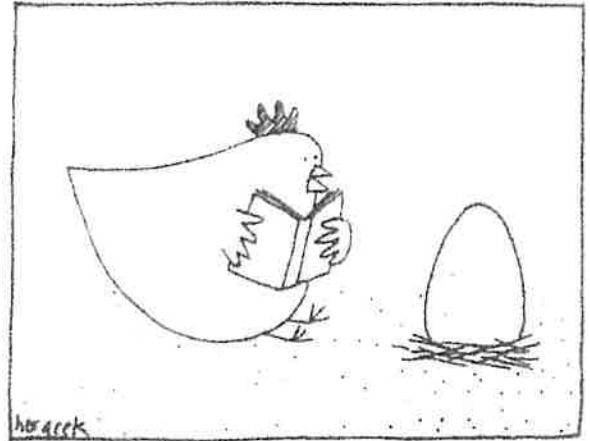


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1. Reading to baby during pregnancy helps other family members take an active role in preparing for baby.
2. Babies enjoy the rhythm of language and their parents' voices.
3. The sound of your voice is calming and soothing to your baby.
4. Reading to your baby now will make it easy to make reading a part of everyday family life after your baby is born.
5. Reading time can be relaxing time as you anticipate your baby's arrival.



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