



CONNECT TO THE CLASSROOM

Talking About Pictures, Infant #2 Activity

During the Talking About Pictures Infant #2 video, the teacher encouraged the baby to look at the picture on the cover of the book. She described and labeled the shapes on the dinosaur's back and pointed as she said soft and shiny. She even counted the shapes on the dinosaur. She waited patiently and followed the child's lead.

Talk about the pictures on the cover as you read a book:

- Help focus the child to the picture by saying, "Look at the [name the picture]."
- Point to the picture.
- Label and describe the pictures for the children as you encourage them to touch and feel textures that are often added to the book.

Practice applying these strategies as you read books with young children.

When you are finished reflect on the following questions:

1

How did you encourage the infant to focus on the book you were reading?

2

What words did you use to describe and label the pictures?

3

How did you know the infant was focused on the book? What did he or she do exactly?

4

What could you have done differently to help the child focus on the book?

Try these next time you read books.
