

■ 'Pretend reading' is real reading



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■ What we do and what it means

Mum: What happened to the little duck?

Sebastian: The little duck went out one day and he got lost, but his daddy found him; the end.

Children make up a story to go with the pictures before they are able to read the words.

Children can do this because they expect a story to have characters, a beginning, an end and some action in the middle.

Adults listen to the child's story to show that they know this 'pretend reading' is a practice for reading the words and pictures properly later.

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