

SD72 PARENT HOME LEARNING LESSON

Ten Great Ideas for After Reading or Listening to a Story

After reading or listening to a story, choose 1 or 2 activities to deepen the learning:

1. **Summarize:** ask your child to retell the story to you, encourage any retelling even new or imagined endings, twists, or turns in the story.
2. Have your child **illustrate** their favourite part of the story or create a new cover for the story. Use any media you have, paper and markers, plasticine, paint, stickers etc.
3. Read the story again, but purposefully **leave a section out** and ask them to fill in what you missed **or mix up** the sequence of the story and see if they can correct the order.
4. Have your child **choose unfamiliar words** from the story and explore their meaning together; look up the meaning, practice printing them, build new sentences with them.
5. Have your child **act out their favourite parts** of the story or create simple stick, sock, or paper doll puppets to retell the story.
6. **Add a character** to the story or **add yourself to the story**. Imagine how that new character would interact with the characters and in the storyline.
7. **Write a letter** to one of the characters or to the author.
8. Create a **comic strip** of the story, one scene or chapter from the book.
9. Write a **book review** and send it to your librarian.
10. Read or listen to another story and **discuss** which one you liked better, why, or why not?

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