

Shared Reading and the Home Literacy Environment

The home literacy environment (HLE) broadly describes all reading- and writing-related aspects in a child's home environment. This includes shared reading interactions (when a parent and child interact with books and stories together), access to books and reading materials, and attitudes about reading.

Benefits of Shared Reading



Promotes early building blocks for reading

Shared reading has been shown to have positive effects on vocabulary, letter knowledge, and other language skills.

Unique context to learn language

Shared reading provides a unique opportunity for children to learn new concepts and words that extend beyond what is used in daily conversations.

Supports long-term language and literacy skill development

Amount of shared reading in infancy and toddlerhood is associated with children's later language and reading skills in school years.

Home Learning and Literacy Resources

Haskins Resource Library

Free, high-quality content designed to help parents navigate through the overwhelming amount of information available on literacy development in children of all ages.

Visit haskinsglobal.org/resource-library/

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