



# Ladybug Girl

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Reading with your child is an excellent way to expose your child to words, topics, and ideas that are more complex than what they would see in books they can read on their own.

Conversations will help increase your child’s oral language skills and build their vocabulary. C.A.R. is a conversation starter that you can use with your child any time.

Below is an example of how to use C.A.R. with the book, *Ladybug Girl*.



C.A.R.	Example
<p><b>C</b> <b>Comment and Wait</b> (count to 5)  <i>*Make a comment about what you see on the page.</i></p>	<p><i>Adult:</i> I see a big pond that could have lots of different animals.</p> <p><i>Child:</i> I think there could be frogs, fish, tadpoles or turtles in the pond.</p>
<p><b>A</b> <b>Ask questions and Wait</b> (count to 5)  <i>*Ask questions that do not have a “yes/ no” or one-word answer to them.</i></p>	<p><i>Adult:</i> I wonder what Lulu will decide to do with her time?</p> <p><i>Child:</i> She could play outside, draw a picture, play with her dog or read a book.</p>
<p><b>R</b> <b>Respond</b> by adding a little more to the child’s response.</p>	<p><i>Adult:</i> Those are all great ideas. Maybe she could use her imagination to create her own game.</p>



<b>Activities</b>	<b>Parent Tips</b>
<p>Story Elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» After reading, work with your child on the elements of the story. Using paper and writing materials (pencil, crayons, markers, colored pencils), write and draw the characters, setting, and retell the story.</li> <li>» First, ask your child to draw and/or write all the main characters in the story (Lulu, Bingo, her brother).</li> <li>» Next, ask your child to draw and/or write where the story took place.</li> <li>» Finally, ask your child to draw and/or write the sequence of the story (first, next, then, finally).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Create a drawing of your idea for a fort alongside your child.</li> <li>» Incorporate reading into your daily routine.</li> <li>» Create a quiet, special place in your home for your child to read, write, and draw.</li> <li>» Go to a local library and get a library card for your child to be able to select books of interest.</li> </ul>
<b>More Activities</b>	<b>Related Books/Resources</b>
<p>Let's Draw!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Use a plain piece of paper and drawing materials of your choice (markers, crayons, colored pencils)</li> <li>» In the story, Ladybug Girl finds a crumbly stone wall. She adds to it to make it the perfect fort. Have your child draw his/her idea for a perfect fort. Encourage to add details (ex: chairs and blankets, outside or inside, under a table with a sheet).</li> <li>» After drawing a plan for the fort, work with your child to build it (maybe even take a book to read in the fort)!</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ladybug Girl and Bumblebee Boy</b> by David Soman and Jacky Davis</p> <p><b>Ladybug Girl at the Beach</b> by David Soman and Jacky Davis</p> <p><b>Ladybug Girl and Bingo</b> by David Soman and Jacky Davis</p> <p><b>Ladybug Girl and the Best Ever Playdate</b> by David Soman and Jacky Davis</p> <p><b>Ladybug Girl and the Bug Squad</b> by David Soman and Jacky Davis</p>

