

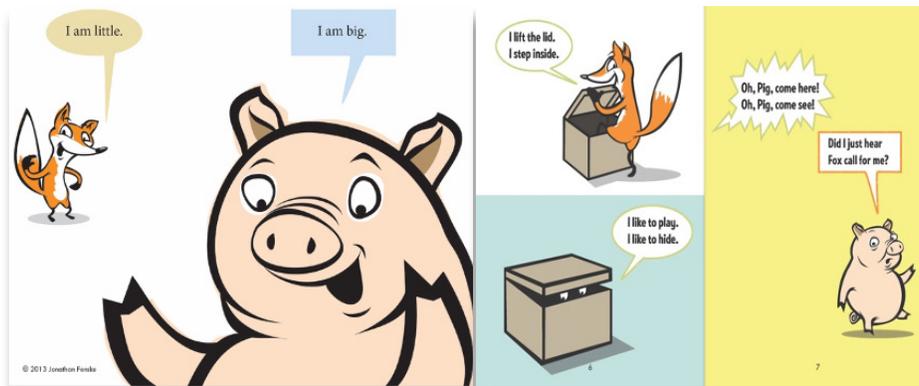
A Pig, A Fox, and A Box

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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, *A Pig, A Fox, and A Box*.



C.A.R.	Example
<p>C Comment and Wait (count to 5) *Make a comment about what you see on the page.</p>	<p><i>Adult:</i> I see Pig sitting on the box, oh no!</p> <p><i>Child:</i> I think Fox will get smashed.</p>
<p>A Ask questions and Wait (count to 5) *Ask questions that do not have a “yes/ no” or one-word answer to them.</p>	<p><i>Adult:</i> Wonder how Fox will trick Pig?</p> <p><i>Child:</i> Maybe he will hide and trick Pig.</p>
<p>R Respond by adding a little more to the child's response.</p>	<p><i>Adult:</i> Fox says he is a “sneaky” fox. Sneaky is another word for playing tricks or trying to get away with something you shouldn't. Let's see if he tricks Pig again.</p>



Activities	Parent Tips
<p>After reading and discussing the text multiple times, ask your child to retell the story in one or more of the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Create sock puppets of the main characters or draw them on card stock and cut them out. Use them to retell the main events and adventures of Pig and Fox. » Draw a picture of a “trick” that Fox played on Pig in the story. While drawing the scene, tell a family member what is happening. » At the end of the story, Fox is finished tricking Pig for the day. Predict what you think Fox will do to trick Pig again tomorrow. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Talk to your kids (a lot). You may be hesitant to use complex words with your youngster, but this actually helps in the development of literacy skills and builds important vocabulary. » Read a text multiple times! Read the first time through for enjoyment. During additional readings, discuss the plot/topic and words that your child might not know. » Continue to build your home library. Find books that align with your child’s interests! Having access to books about a variety of topics is the best way to make sure that your child can comprehend what they read.
More Activities	Related Books/Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Tell a story of your own. Have a family member write it down and have them read it aloud to you. Then, have your family member read your story with you. <i>(Families - keep the words your child begins to recognize in a word bank for later review)</i> » Make a list of things you can create with a box. Write down your ideas. Then, find a cardboard box and build one of your ideas. Now you have a long list of possibilities to build on a different day. 	<p>A Pig, A Fox, and A Fox By Jonathan Fenske</p> <p>Barnacle is Bored By Jonathan Fenske</p> <p>It’s Not a Box By Antoinette Portis</p> <p>A Pig, A Fox, and Stinky Socks By Jonathan Fenske Check out this link for a digital reading of the book. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJjHy2F6gfs</p>

