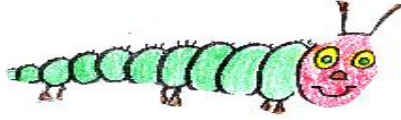


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How to read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* with Your Children



The Very Hungry Caterpillar is a colourful book that tells how a caterpillar changes into a beautiful butterfly. Children have fun discovering the amazing changes the caterpillar goes through.

Getting Ready to Read

Have your children ever seen or touched a real caterpillar? Ask what caterpillars are like.

What do they eat?

Do your children know what caterpillars change into?

While Reading the Book

Try using this week's reading ideas.

- ❖ Pointing to words: While reading, try pointing to the words as you say them. This helps children learn that words have meanings. Don't worry if younger children do not remember words.
- ❖ Retelling and rereading: Have children tell or read the story back to you. The "Caterpillar Story Cards" are an easy way for children to retell the story.

After Reading the Book

Ask what happened to the caterpillar in the book. Do you eat some of the foods the caterpillar ate? Ask about your children's favourite foods. Talk about how children are changing as they grow up.

Enjoy reading with you children and have fun!