

## How to create your own Experience Book



### Use language when getting ready:

**Find the materials** to make the book. You may need paper, crayons, a stapler and glue.

Fold the paper to create pages for your book. **Use listening first** to provide instructions to your child. Remember, that even the simple activity of making the book can be a fantastic language learning opportunity.

### Creating your book

**Provide two options** so that your child can choose what goes on the page – i.e. should we glue in the grass or a leaf?

**Extend what your child says** – increase the phrase length of what your child says so they are hearing language above what they can say – i.e. if your child says 'grass' you could say 'oh that's right, we played on the grass, let's stick it in'. You can also help your child practice these sentences by writing them on the page.

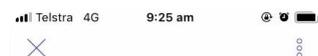
**Use prompting questions** like where, who, how and what to help your child practice answering questions and giving descriptive sentences.

**Glue in or draw an item of interest** – Choose something from your day that you did together, talk about what you did and how you could represent that in your book? Maybe you could glue something in, or draw a picture together.

**Talk about emotions** – talk about how you all felt during the event you're adding to your story – you could draw faces to match the feelings, or write those descriptive words on the page.

**Use open ended questions** – that will prompt forward thinking from your child – i.e. if you're gluing a story about the park, you could ask – 'what park should we go to next time?', 'when should we go?', 'what could we take with us?', 'how will we get there?' etc.

**Use your book to practice story retell** – keep your book out and find lots of opportunities for your child to share their experience book with others. Share it with siblings, friends or extended family – it's great for them to practice with a variety of listeners. Each person will ask different questions, provide different feedback and share their own ideas and experiences.



### Creating a digital experience book



Today we made chocolate icing and used pretzels, chocolate drops and lollies to make reindeer biscuits. I liked eating the reindeers nose - it made me happy.

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Write a response

If you would like to create a 'digital' experience book - download the **Storypark for Families** app on your tablet/iphone/ipads and create an account to log in. Then add your child or children.

You can then add a photo, graphics and a caption for each 'page' of your storybook. Use the tips above to involve your child in all of the steps so they have ownership of the decisions in their experience book. You can share each 'page' with whoever you choose – and those that have access can create a video recording to respond to your child's video. A fantastic way for your child to share their experience book and interact with family and friends who are far away.

