

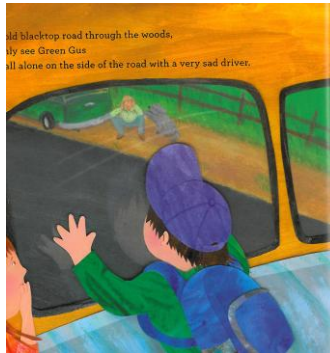
Truck Stop

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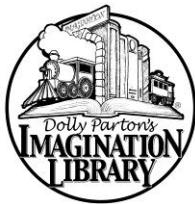
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Children need to hear and say lots of words before entering Kindergarten. Having your child help read stories by looking at the pictures is one way of helping them. C.A.R. is simple conversation/story starter you can use with your child to help them tell the story.

Below is an example of how to use C.A.R. with your Imagination Library book, “Truck Stop.”



<p>C- Comment and Wait (count to 5) * Make a comment about with you see on the page.</p>	<p>Adult: I think I see Green Gus on the side of the road.</p>
<p>A- Ask questions and Wait (count to 5) * Ask questions that do not have a ‘yes’ or ‘no’ or one word answer to them.</p>	<p>Adult: What do you think he is doing on the side of the road? Child: His truck broke down and is not working.</p>
<p>R- Respond by adding a little more to the child’s response.</p>	<p>Adult: Yes, I think the little boy will try to get help for Green Gus.</p>



Related Activities



Help your child make a steering wheel using a black paper plate and construction paper. Let them pretend to drive their truck outside.

Stop by a local diner and ask to visit behind the counter. Talk to the local truck drivers that are eating at the diner about their jobs and the trucks they drive.

Building Vocabulary

Your child should be exposed to 32 million words by the time they turn three years old. Introducing specific words and names of things such as “18-wheeler, milk tank, horse trailer and tow truck,” will help boost your child’s vocabulary. – New York Times

Other tips for increasing vocabulary include:

- Create flashcards with pictures of objects your child is familiar with and have them tell you the name of the object as quickly as possible
- Read a variety of books and point out the words that correlate to the pictures as you are reading

Song: My Big Truck

Tune: The Wheels on the Bus

My big truck is coming fast, coming fast,
coming fast,

My big truck is coming fast,

Oh, hear it’s horn! (beep!beep!)

Watch out for its big round wheels, big
round wheels, big round wheels,

Oh, hear its horn beep!

Other verses:

My big truck can carry cans

My big truck can make cement

My big truck can carry airplanes

My big truck has a bed inside

Related books you can check out at your local library

Duck in the Truck

By: Jez Alborough

Magic Train Ride

By: Sally Crabtree

Wheel Away

By: Dayle Ann Dodds

Big Trucks and Little Trucks

By: Jan Carr