

# Tip Sheets

## Wordless Picture Books

Wordless picture books are great for sharing with your child. A good wordless book lets you create the story just by looking at the pictures. They are also great for engaging reluctant readers and writers. Have them tell the story or write their version.

### Tips for sharing wordless books:

- Make the story interactive—you tell the story on one page and your child continues with the next page.
- You can talk about the pictures in any language.
- The story can change with each reading.

**A Boy, a Dog, and a Frog.** Mercer Mayer (and others in the Frog series)

**Black on White.** Tana Hoban (and other titles by her)

**Chalk.** Bill Thomson

**Draw.** Raulo Colaon

**Flotsam.** David Wiesner

**Fossil.** Bill Thomson

**Frog, Where are You?** Mercer Mayer

**Good Dog, Carl.** Alexandra Day (and others in this series)

**Good Night, Gorilla.** Peggy Rathmann

**Have You Seen My Duckling?** Nancy Tafuri

**Hug.** Jez Alborough

**Journey.** Aaron Becker

**Moonlight.** Jan Ormerod

**Owly & Wormy.** Andy Runton (and others in the series)

**Pancakes for Breakfast.** Tomie de Paola

**Rosie's Walk.** Pat Hutchins

**Sidewalk Flowers.** JonArno Lawson

**The Line.** Paula Bossio

**The Red Book.** Barbara Lehman

**The Snowman.** Raymond Briggs

**The Typewriter.** Bill Thomson

**Time Flies.** Eric Rohmann

**Truck.** Donald Crews

**Wolf in the Snow.** Matthew Cordell



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## Environmental Print

Environmental print is an important part of how children become readers, and it's all around us—in our homes, outdoors, and in our community.

### Examples of Environmental Print:

- Road signs
- Labels, logos, and brand names
- Billboards
- Warning labels
- Flyers and ads



### Role of Environmental Print:

- It helps develop sight words (words children know just by seeing them)
- When children start to “read” environmental print, they begin to understand that print has meaning
- Environmental print lets children behave like readers
- It gives context for children to figure out the meaning of words. For example, the shape and colour of a stop sign helps them “read” the word STOP

### Environmental Print Activities:

#### At home:

- Sort food according to their labels
- Cut pictures from flyers to make a grocery list
- Make signs to post around the house. For example, put a “Sally’s room” sign on the bedroom door
- Talk about labels and symbols on objects in your home—what they say or their meaning
- Go on a scavenger hunt for environmental print in your home—which room has the most?

#### In the Community:

- Go on a walk. Point to and talk about the print on road signs, stores, mailboxes, community bulletin boards, etc.
- For older children, connect letters in the words you see to the names of people in your family
- Talk about why there’s print on certain items
- Play games like “I Spy” with letters or signs
- Play sign bingo—make a sheet with pictures of signs that might be in your neighbourhood and cross them out as you see them