



Sharing or telling stories is an important way to support your child's early literacy development.

Here are some ideas to make the most of story time at home with *Caterpillar and Butterfly* by Ambelin Kwaymullina

- **Look at the front cover together, read the title, talk about what the book could be about?**

Talk about the illustration. Look carefully, can you see a caterpillar in the picture too? Look at the green lines and bold colours that create the "rings" that go out from the butterfly illustration.

- **Point out the thought bubbles**

Throughout the book there are illustrated thought bubbles that show us what the caterpillar is scared of doing. Ask your child to tell you what they think

the drawing means? What is the caterpillar thinking?

- **Explain new and interesting words**

Stop and talk about interesting words as you come across them. Ask your child to tell you what they might mean first then explain using examples they will understand. e.g., "crevices" (they're like little holes and splits in rocks that would seem like big deep places to fall into for a little caterpillar.)

- **Predicting what will happen**

On the page where caterpillar decides she is lonely and wants to get out, pause after reading "*a strange thing began to happen*". Ask your child to guess what they think will happen next?. Talk about why they think that – what are the clues from the story so far? When you finish the page ask what they think will happen now.

- **Be scientists together**

Exploring, looking at, describing, talking about and recording observations of living things lets us be scientists. Look for caterpillars and butterflies around your back yard or at the park. Talk about what they look like and where they live. Draw pictures of what you see.

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