

Picture Book: **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**

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Card 1

NOTE: There are two different question cards for this book. Children could be given this book for two weeks, working on a different card each week. OR use one card and later in the year, reuse the book but use the second question card.

Children learn best when picture books are read and re-read. Read the picture book to your child every day and include a different set of questions within your book sharing time.

DAY 1

Page	Question to be asked		Question Level
1	What's this? (point to the moon)		1
	Adequate response	The moon.	
	Inadequate response	The sky.	
16	Tell me something that is next to the cupcake.		3
	Adequate response	A sausage; the watermelon.	
	Inadequate response	(Says or points to any other food).	
18	What colour is the leaf?		2
	Adequate response	Green.	
	Inadequate response	(Any other colour).	

DAY 2

Page	Question to be asked		Question Level
4	When did the caterpillar pop out of the egg?		2
	Adequate response	One Sunday morning.	
	Inadequate response	In the morning; on Sunday.	
15-16	Show me one that is cold.		3
	Adequate response	(Points to ice cream).	
	Inadequate response	(Points to something else).	
19-20	How has the caterpillar changed?		3
	Adequate response	He got fatter; he's bigger than before.	
	Inadequate response	He looks funny; he is still hungry.	

Tips for asking children questions

When asking a child questions, it is important to support and teach them what the question means and how you want them to answer it. If a child has difficulty understanding a question, uses incorrect grammar or doesn't give enough detail in their answer, you can:

1. Repeat the question using visual cues to support. (e.g. pictures and gestures).
2. Rephrase the question or ask it in a different way.