

Enjoying a Book

Pre-reading

Questions:

- How do you keep reading fun?
- What books does your child like?

Definitions:

- Extra – more than what is usual
- Emphasis – extra force or feeling
- Nurture – to train or educate



Reading

15 Ann is a busy parent and employee. She works long hours. Molly is a busy
29 young child. Molly is in preschool and in daycare. Both mother and daughter look
43 forward to bedtime. Molly loves snuggling with her mom and enjoying a good book.

59 First, Ann and Molly look at the cover of the book. They talk about what they
75 see. They look at the colors and objects. They question what kind of story may be
88 inside. Ann asks her daughter, “What do you think this book is about?”

104 Next, they open the book. Ann begins to read. She stops at the end of each
118 page so they can talk about the pictures. The pictures help Molly understand the
131 story. Sometimes Ann will ask Molly, “What do you think will happen next?”
Molly loves to **guess** what will happen on the next page!

142 Ann uses her voice in different ways while reading. Sometimes her voice is
155 loud. Sometimes her voice is soft. Sometimes her voice is low. Sometimes her
168 voice is high. She raises her voice on a question. She gives extra emphasis to
183 sentences that end with an exclamation mark.

190 Ann makes reading fun! She gives life to the words on the pages. Molly can’t
205 wait to start reading on her own! Ann has nurtured a budding reader. She knows
220 Molly will do well in school.

226 Reading is a great learning tool. Reading helps build language and develops the
239 brain. It is also a wonderful way to be close to your child.

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Understanding

1. Why does Ann read to Molly? _____

2. What does the word **guess** mean? _____

3. When do Ann and Molly read? _____

4. What do they do before opening a book? _____

5. What kind of questions does Ann ask Molly while reading? _____

6. How does Ann use her voice when reading? _____

Writing

Choice A: In your own words, write about how Ann reads to Molly.

Choice B: Write about when and how you read with your children.
