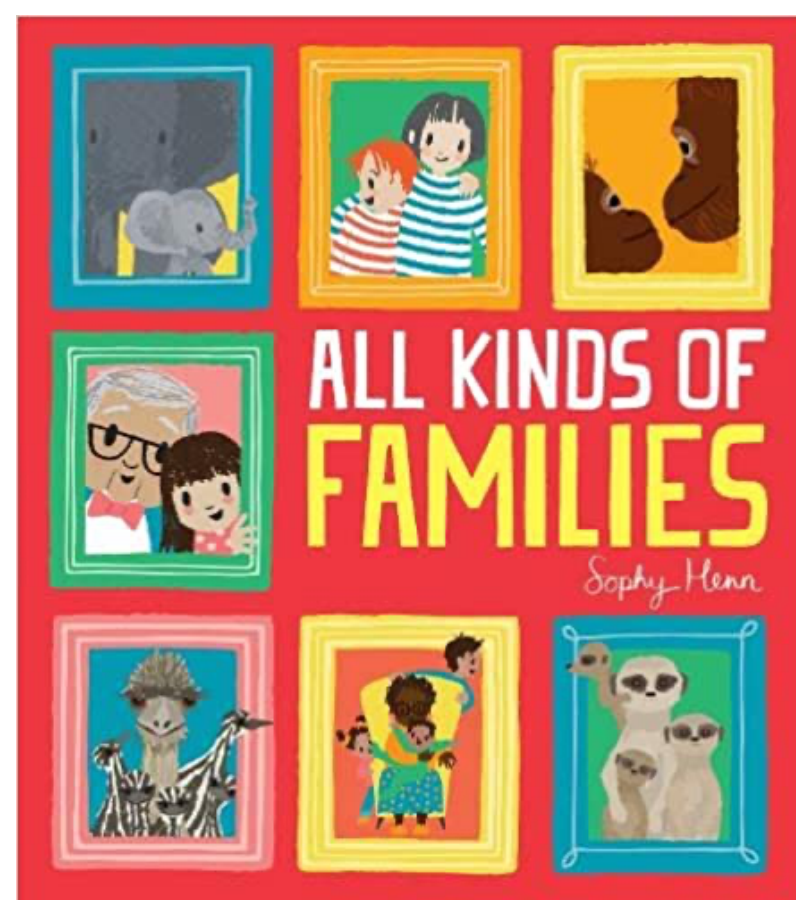


To help you get the best out of the book here are some ideas to talk about when reading aloud with your child. We hope you and your child enjoy reading together!



All Kinds of Families by  
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Watch and listen



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### Before Reading

Look at the picture on the front cover.

- ***“What can you see?”***
- ***“Do you think the people or animals know the other people or animals in each picture?”***
- ***“Why do you think that?”***

Read the title aloud.

- ***“Do you have a family?” “Who is in your family?”***

### During Reading

- ***“I wonder how the clownfish parents feel if they have to look after 1000 babies at one time?”***
- ***“The long-tailed tit brothers and sisters help to look after the little ones in their family. What kind of things do you think they might need help with?”***
- Discuss the meaning of the word “adopted”.

### After Reading

- ***“Do any of the families remind you of when you’re at nursery?”*** (Meerkats) ***“I wonder what we could do to help look after each other when we’re together?”***
- In the book there are lots of different families mentioned. ***“Can you see any families which remind you of your own family?”***
- ***“Do you have a favourite animal?” “What is it that you like about them?”***
- ***“This book has lots of interesting facts about animals. I wonder if you can guess which animal I’m thinking about from my clues?...” “Can you give me some clues and I’ll try to guess?”*** (Play a guessing game.)



## My Family

In the story, the creatures lived in all kinds of different families. "**Who is in your family?**" Talk to your child about what your family looks like.

**Can you draw or paint a picture of your family? (You might have pets, so include them too if you like!)**



## Finger Family Song

Listen to this song about the Finger Family.  
Can you sing along, doing the actions?



Is everyone in your family the same height?  
Can you order them from **tallest** to **shortest**?  
(or shortest to tallest!)



Which toys are your favourites? Can you order them from **tallest** to **shortest**? **Longest** to **shortest**? **Heaviest** to **lightest**?  
I wonder if you can find a way to measure them?

## Handy Hands

Can you make a nice handprint picture using paints? What else could make a lovely handprint?  
Or perhaps you could make little puppets for each finger as you sing the Finger Family song!

## Names

**Everyone has a name. What are your family's names?**

Have some fun with **alliteration** and **rhyming** by playing with everyone's names...

**Cool Ceira Excellent Eddie Groovy Granny Jolly Molly**  
**Rosie Posie Timmy Wimmy**

