

Activity 3 – Writing to share ideas

Write a book

What to do

- Make paper books made by fixing sheets together (hole punch and string, staples, ribbon) or by folding – *see the website below for step-by-step instructions.*
- Show the blank book. Explain that this is a special book as you are going to write it together. Discuss what sort of book it might be? Share ideas. Will it be a story book or a book about trains or full of jokes or poems?
- Once you have decided, taking turns as to who will write, write the book together, your child dictating some of the words and writing others.
- When finished, share and enjoy the book together. Consider adding some illustrations. Make sure to give the book a title and write the authors names on the front cover.

Extension

Provide blank books of different sizes and writing materials. Leave your child to independently explore and create their own books.

Write a book for a particular reader.

Build a library of made books by your child and other members of the house. Celebrate the variety and imagination which has gone into them.

What you need

Paper, pencils, pens
(optional) ribbon, tape, string, hole punch, stapler



Questions to ask

What could this book be about?
What books do you like?
Will it be a fact book or a fiction/story one?
Who will the authors be?
Will we need pictures/illustrations?
What will go on the front cover/first page?
How will we start the story?
What will the first page be about?
Who will enjoy our book?

Three ways to make a paper book with minimal resources:

<https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Paper-Book>