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Before you read:

- Point to the front and the back of the book and say, "We will read from the front to the back."
- Point to the title and say, "This is the title. The title is the name of the book."
- Be sure to say, "This is the author. The author is the name of the person who wrote the words in the book."
- If there are drawings in the book say, "This is the name of the illustrator. This is the person who drew the pictures."
- Turn to the place where you will start reading. Say, "I will start reading here." Point to the first word where you will begin reading. Then say, "I will read in this direction." Slide your finger under the first line showing that you will read from left to right.



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