

# Encourage your child to explore nonfiction



As your child grows, he will begin to read a variety of nonfiction items, including books, newspapers and magazines. Reading nonfiction requires a different approach. He can learn this skill by practicing

reading interesting nonfiction materials, which might:

- **Boost excitement about reading.** If your child isn't excited about reading novels, he may be more interested in reading about the real world. If he loves one nonfiction book he reads, he may want to look into more books on the same topic.
- **Introduce him to new kinds of writing,** such as how-to manuals or interviews. When your child has a writing assignment, he may try using some of the techniques he has noticed in his reading.



- **Assist with standardized test preparation.** Both fiction and nonfiction passages are used in reading sections of exams, so it is helpful for your child to be familiar with nonfiction. To enhance your child's nonfiction reading, ask questions that provoke thought: "What do you think about what you just read?" You can also connect reading to real life: "Let's look at the sky tonight and point out some of the constellations you learned about."