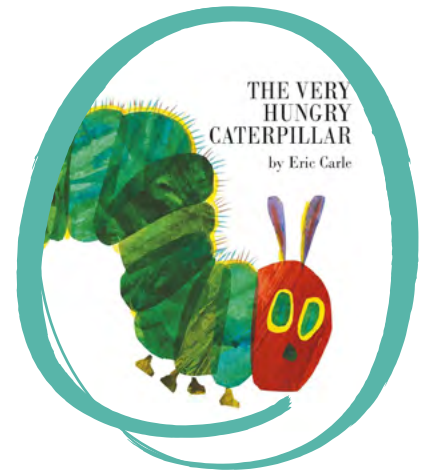


## 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle

If you don't have this book at home, you could visit a library together to borrow a copy or you could search online.

By reading this lovely children's book you can have great fun and learn more about maths together.

As you share this book, talk about what you can see on each page, for example, pointing out the sun, the different foods, the caterpillar, the butterfly, etc. You can count the food the caterpillar has eaten - 'Let's see how many strawberries there are'.



### Supporting your child to develop their language

Try to remember to wait and pause, give ten seconds for thinking time, listen to your child and then respond.

When you talk about the book together, pause between some of the comments or questions to give your child some time to think, time to understand and time to just enjoy each other's company.

### Words to share

One, two, three, four,  
five, six, seven

### Making it work for your family

At first, share the book together and let your child point to and / or talk about what interests them.

As your child becomes more confident, start to count the food and then see if you can remember together what is coming next in the story.

### Next time you could try ...

This is great book to read again at home, on the move or with another familiar adult, it helps your child to learn more words, maths and have fun together. Look out for other books to share and enjoy together.

**Look** all around you, **talk together** about the things you see, **recap together** on what you have enjoyed - children enjoy doing the same activity again and again and again - this really helps them to learn and remember.