## Auditory Hook



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Use vocal inflection—like a surprised "wow," "uh-oh," or audible gasp—to capture your child's attention through listening before gesturing.

## How does it work?



Auditory hooks are words or phrases that grab your child's attention and encourage them to listen because something exciting is about to happen.

## Why do we do it?

- Hearing the "hook" engages the listening part of the brain and encourages auditory attention.
- Pairing auditory hooks with exciting information or surprises helps your child learn that listening is important.

## **Examples:**



Before showing a fun page, make an excited exclamation like "Oh my!" to draw your child's attention to the words.



Before opening a box, show surprise with a gasp or exclamation and wait for your child's attention before revealing what's inside.

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