

BIG Books

A child can't read well without a **BIG** vocabulary. This is a great way to help!

You know those **BIG** adult books, sometimes called coffee table books. They have great **BIG** pictures that kids just love... and parents do too. Here are some kinds of **BIG** books:

Animal Books	like North American Mammals, Dogs or Fantastic Animals
Cookbooks	like foods of Egypt or Bayou Cooking. They often have pictures of the area.
Travel Books	like Vietnam, Russia, Italy, etc. Look for Books about Cincinnati and Ohio because the kids see their own neighborhood and state.
History	like History of Airplanes or Baseball, or 60 Years of Life Magazine
Art Books	like Norman Rockwell, Picasso, or Great Impressionists
Sports	like Olympics, Basketball players or Great Sports Legends
Odd Topics	like Strange Automobiles, Christmas in America, Peaceable Kingdom

BIG books are easy to get at the Library. Or look on the "reduced price" book shelf at Borders or Barnes and Nobles. Think about a **BIG** book for a holiday or birthday present.

Then have a great **BIG** conversation about the pictures in the **BIG** book. It's easy to **TALK** about the pictures. It builds language skills. You might need to read a caption or two but it is mostly just talking. Kids need to build **BIG** vocabularies, too.

"This is a chimpanzee, not a monkey."	Labeling, facts
"Would you like to eat hot food?"	What are the 2 definitions of hot?
"The Leaning Tower of Pisa is tilted."	Both geography <u>and</u> science
"We saw that at the Children's Museum."	Memories of a field trip
"When Mommy was a little girl..."	History made personal
"Why do you like the colors in this?"	Colors in pictures
"You play basketball too!"	Building self esteem