

NATURE BOOK

Now that your child is familiar with short vowel and partner words, she needs to practice using them. Nature Book provides whimsical reading material that incorporates a variety of new words. Make the books yourself and offer them as a surprise, or invite her to help create them.



What You Need:

Paper or cardstock, pictures of plants and animals, scissors, glue, colored markers, hole punch, yarn



To Prepare:

1. Cut paper or cardstock into six to ten rectangular pages. Punch holes in the sides and bind with yarn.
2. Collect pictures or stickers of plants or animals. Affix the pictures onto the left pages.
3. Invent a short rhyme or paragraph to describe each image. Use colored markers to write the sentences on the right pages.
4. Print a title on the cover.



Activity:

Give your child the Nature Book. Invite her to read it to you and to her friends.

Examples:

- Picture of a bee:

The smell of pollen calls the bee.
It makes honey for you and me.

- Picture of a panther:

Be watchful and careful
A panther is waiting,
It prowls in the bushes
And plays in the sun.

The Florida panther may
Look like a kitty,
But if you should see one
Be ready to run!

- Picture of a spotted owl:

Spotted owl
Your eyes are big
I spy you sitting
On a twig.

In the forest
Where you fly,
Drop me a feather
As you sail by.

- Picture of a zebra:

Zebra, zebra
In the park,
Your stripes are
Very bright.

I'd like to brush
Your pretty coat,
But you might
Kick or bite.

- Picture of a polar bear:

Come north with me
To the arctic cold,
Where we can see
The polar bear bold!

- Picture of a starfish:

In a little tide pool
By the vast sea,
Lives a little starfish
Happy and free!

- Picture of large spoonbill birds:

These are pink spoonbills
Their feathers are bright,
In Florida people can
See them in flight.

- Picture of a whale:

The whale lives deep in the ocean,
The whale lives deep in the sea,
The whale dives deep in the water,
Oh whale come play with me.

