

# Nemours® Reading BrightStart!



## Extending the Book Experience:

Strategies that Promote  
Language and Literacy Development  
in Dual Language Learners

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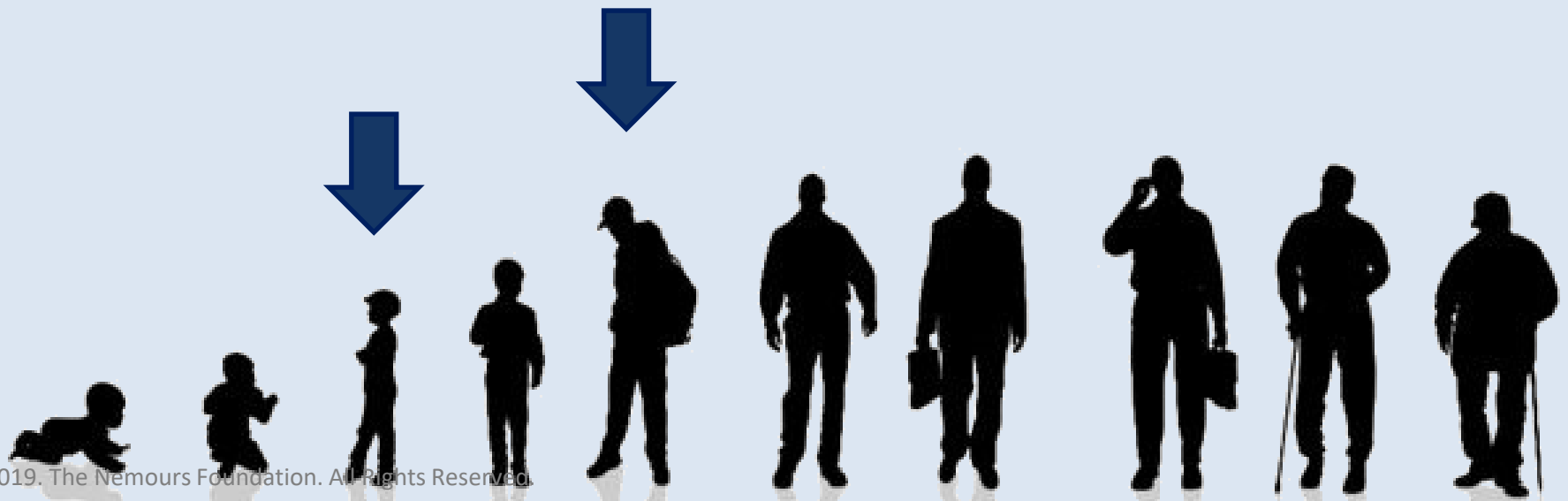
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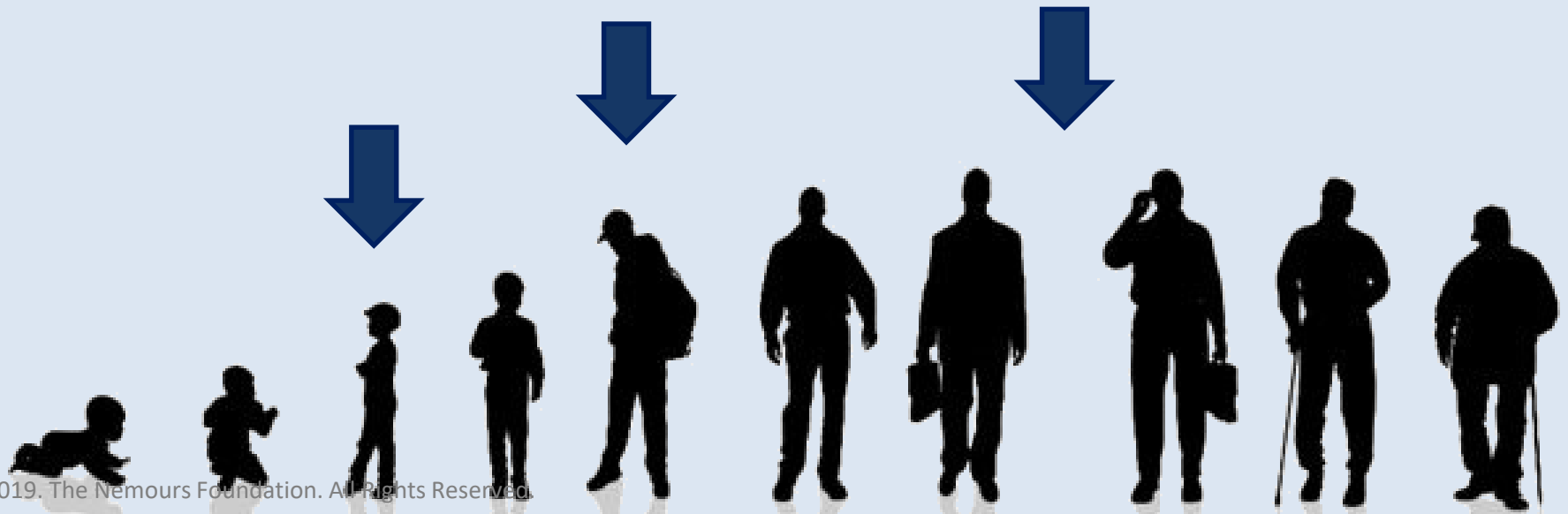
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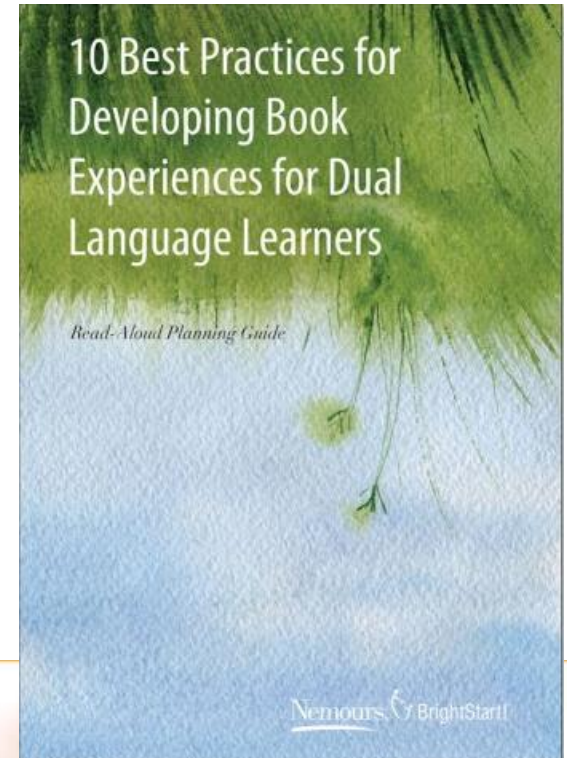
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# Goals

- I. Maximize opportunities for language and literacy development before, during and after a shared book experience.
- II. Develop age-appropriate activities that support dual language learners.
- III. Apply strategies within the learning environment.

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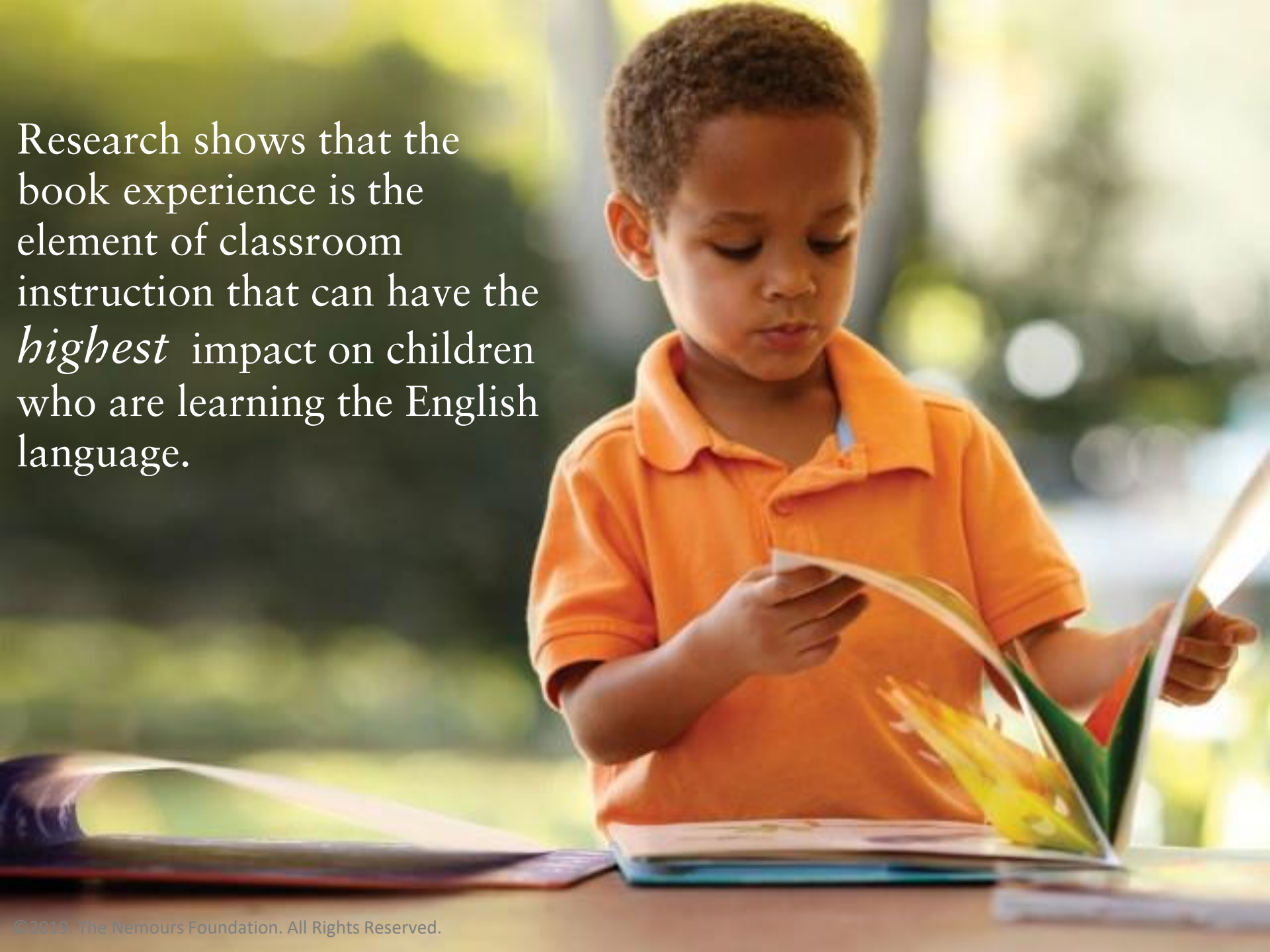
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Supporting a child's home language in the educational setting will interfere with the acquisition of English.

Research shows that the book experience is the element of classroom instruction that can have the *highest* impact on children who are learning the English language.



# Poll Question

Which characteristics of a book will help DLLs understand new topics or concepts while acquiring English proficiency?

- a. Genre
- b. Features
- c. Complexity
- d. All of the above 



# 1. Select Appropriate Books



# Tips for Success...

- Concept Books
- Fiction and Non-Fiction
- Poetry
  
- Photographs
- Illustrations
- Variety of Font
  
- Repetitive Phrases
- New Vocabulary
- Dialogue
- Bilingual Books

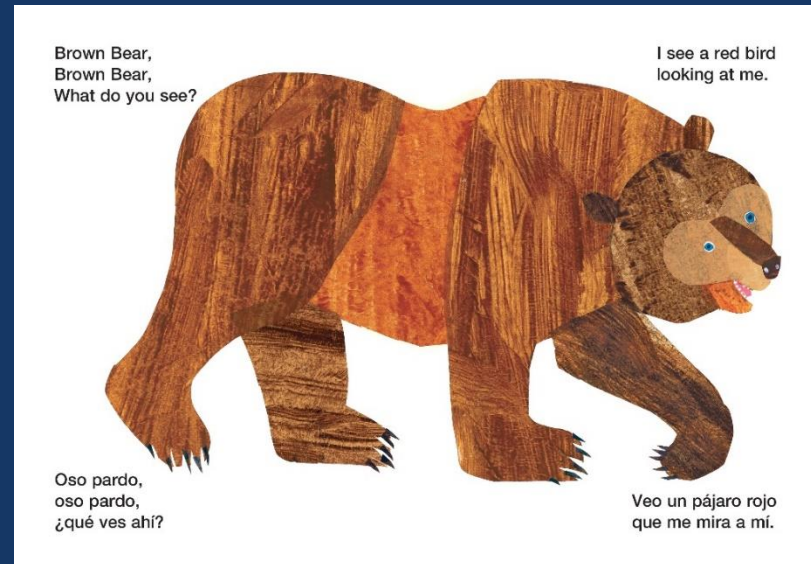
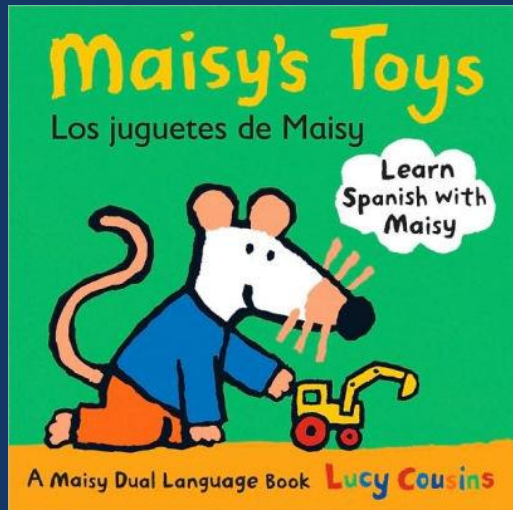
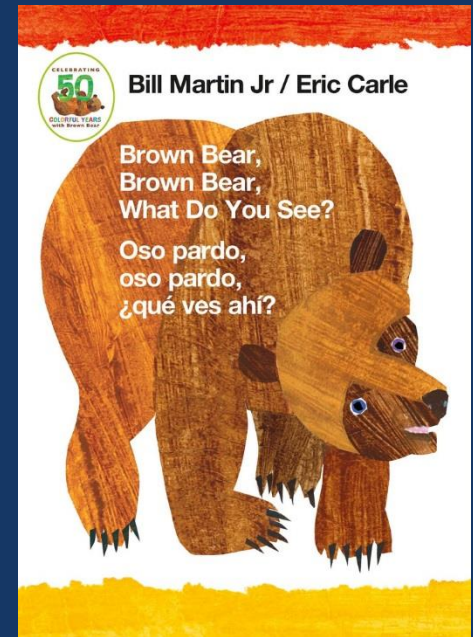
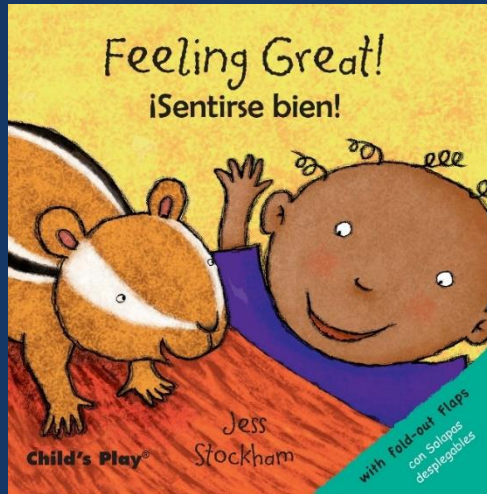


# Let's Reflect!

Self-Reflection	Yes	No
1. I select books that represent a theme, topic or concept.		
2. My classroom library contains thematic books that represent a variety of genres.		
3. My classroom library includes books with real photographs as well as illustrated books.		
4. My classroom library contains a variety of books in English and in different languages.		



# Let's Explore!





# Group Activity





# Poll Question

Teaching new vocabulary in both English and the child's home language will have long-lasting and positive effects on English language proficiency.

- a. True 
- b. False



## 2. Identify Vocabulary Words

# Let's Reflect!

Self-Reflection	Yes	No
1. I identify 3-5 vocabulary or concept words from each book and translate them into the home language.		
2. I define vocabulary words in both English and the home language.		
3. I model and demonstrate new words through gestures and actions.		
4. I connect vocabulary to concepts, themes, text, etc.		



# Group Activity





# Tips for Success...

If you feel comfortable with the languages of your DLLs, translate the words in their home language(s) as well.



# Poll Question

Which of the following best describes the purpose of a picture walk?

- a. It's an opportunity to review the story.
- b. It's an opportunity to compare story characters.
- c. It's an opportunity to preview pictures, words and concepts. ★
- d. It's an opportunity to read the words while tracking print from left to right.



## 3. Take a Picture Walk

# Let's Reflect!

Self-Reflection	Yes	No
1. I conduct picture walks with small groups of DLLs prior to reading the book to the whole group.		
2. I use picture walks to introduce and review vocab words.		
3. I use picture walks to activate prior knowledge in English and in the home language.		
4. I model verbal and non-verbal communication, listening skills, & positive interactions between adults and peers.		
5. I encourage children to share their individual connections to the story topic, theme, characters etc.		





# Picture Walk Checklist

- ☐ Keep it short.
- ☐ Introduce new words.
- ☐ Allow predictions.
- ☐ Follow the lead of the child.
- ☐ Promote conversation.
- ☐ Ask questions about the pictures or illustrations.
- ☐ Assess background knowledge.
- ☐ *Don't* read a single word.



# Modifications for Infants and Toddlers

- Since language acquisition skills are not fully developed by this age, *you* will lead the discussion.
- Voice your comments and think aloud as you model book exploration.
- Once children reply, recognize and respond to their attempts.



# Poll Question

In an effort to check for understanding, when should we include questions and prompts?

- a. Before the book experience.
- b. During the book experience.
- c. After the book experience.
- d. All of the above. ★

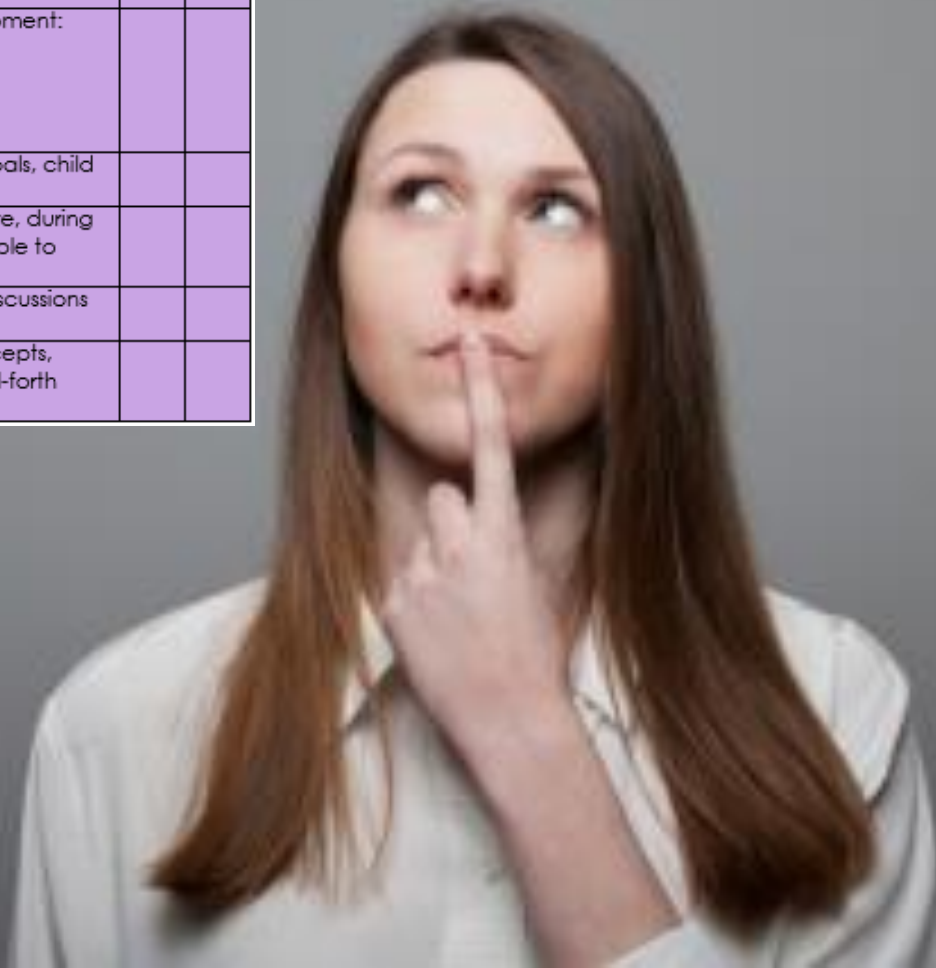


## 4. Identify Questions and Prompts



# Let's Reflect!

Self-Reflection	Yes	No
1. I prepare questions and prompts prior to introducing a book.		
2. I model how to answer questions by thinking aloud.		
3. I provide time for DLLs to ask questions about themes and topics.		
4. I am familiar with the stages of language development: a. Home Language b. Non-Verbal c. Preproduction d. Production		
5. I ask intentional questions based on academic goals, child interest and comments from children.		
6. I include a variety of questions and prompts before, during and after a book experience that range from simple to complex.		
7. I encourage teacher-directed and student-led discussions between adults and peers.		
8. I prepare intentional opportunities to discuss concepts, practice vocabulary and participate in back-and-forth conversations.		

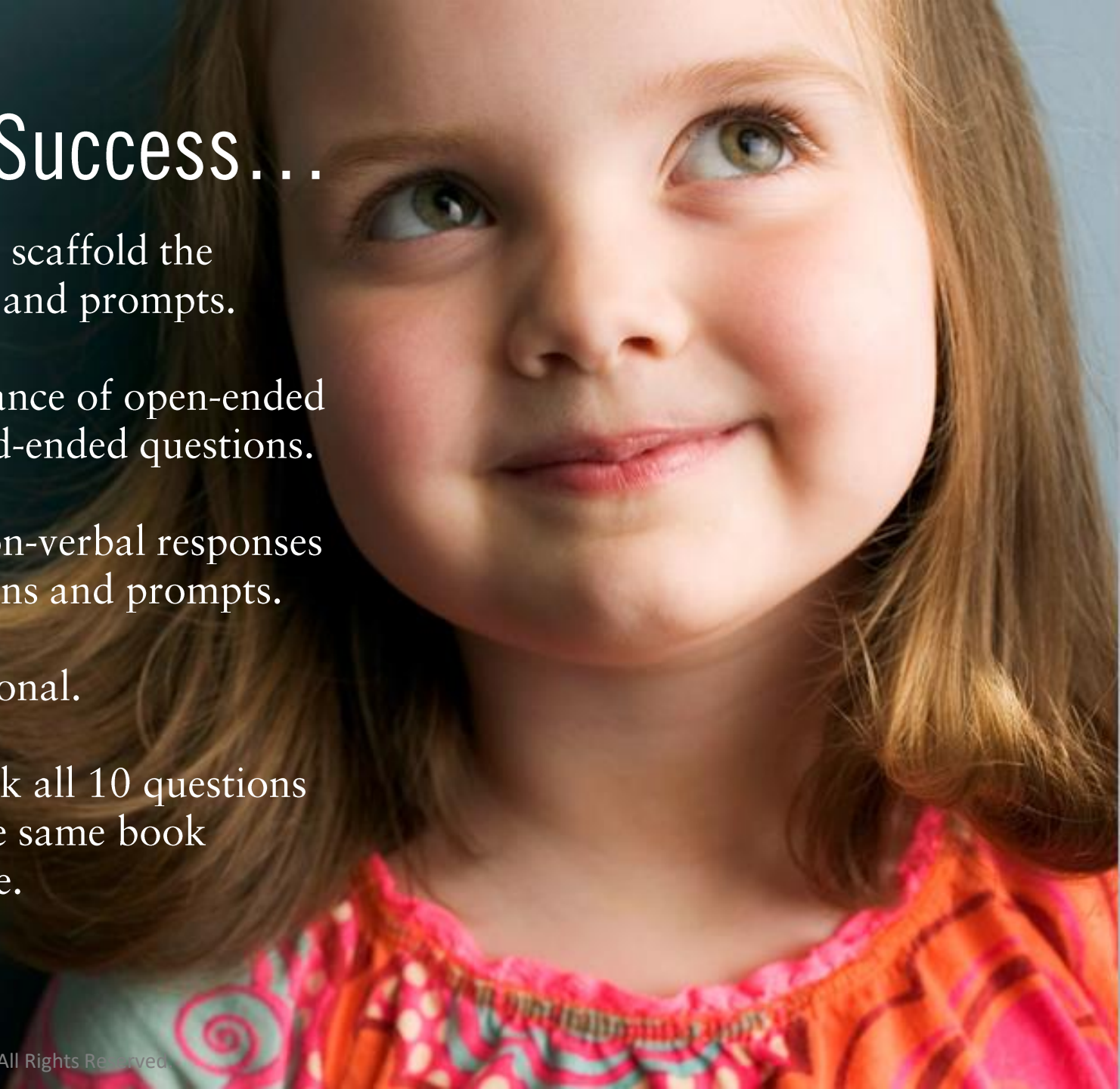


# Group Activity



# Tips for Success...

- Be sure to scaffold the questions and prompts.
- Use a balance of open-ended and closed-ended questions.
- Accept non-verbal responses to questions and prompts.
- Be intentional.
- *Do not* ask all 10 questions during the same book experience.





# Modifications for Infants and Toddlers

- Provide young learners with additional time to respond.
- It may be necessary to provide verbal assistance in order to prompt their thought processes.
- Promote back-and-forth conversation by expanding and elaborating.





# Poll Question

On a national average, how many children enter Kindergarten each year without adequate exposure to foundational literacy skills?

- a. 5%
- b. 20%
- c. 30% 
- d. 85%



## 5. Teach Foundational Literacy Skills

# Let's Reflect!

Self-Reflection	Yes	No
1. I am familiar with effective strategies to teach early literacy development in young, diverse learners.		
2. I connect new words and concepts from the book to foundational literacy skills (print concepts, phonological awareness, alphabet knowledge, early writing).		
3. I incorporate learning activities that support foundational literacy skills into each book experience.		



# DLL Action Plan

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# Tips for Success...

- Make It Multisensory!  
Children should be able to use multiple senses while exploring foundational literacy skills.

*See It! Hear It! Do It! Touch It!*

- Keep the activity simple and FUN!
- Introduce the literacy activity *after* a shared book experience.



# Questions?





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