

Books and Activities for a Five-Year-Old

Read a book aloud and do a related activity together to make the book come alive for your child!

- Read **The Doorbell Rang** by Pat Hutchins, then bake some cookies and count them.



- Read **Make Way for Ducklings** by Robert McCloskey, then visit a park.
- Read **The Salamander Room** by Anne Mazer, then visit your local nature center.
- Read **Yoko**, by Rosemary Wells or **Chrysanthemum**, by Kevin Henkes, then visit your new school.

- Read **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus** by Mo Willems, then take a bus ride.
- Read **Guess Whose Shadow** by Stephen Swineburn then go out in the sunshine!
- Read **Feast for Ten** by Cathryn Falwell, then go grocery shopping together.



- Read **How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?** by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague, then visit a science museum.
- Read **Strega Nona**, by Tomie DePaola or **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** by Judi Barrett, then make and eat a spaghetti dinner.

- Read **The Saturday Escape** by Daniel Mahoney when you visit the library.
- Read **The Biggest Pumpkin Ever**, by Steven Kroll, then visit the produce section of your grocery store or a farmers' market.
- Read **I Spy: an Alphabet in Art**, devised and selected by Lucy Micklethwait, then visit an art museum.



- Read **Aunt Flossie's Hats (and Crab Cakes Later)** by Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard, then try on all the hats you have at home.
- Read **Feathers for Lunch**, by Lois Ehlert, then look go on a walk to look for birds.



- Read **Diez Deditos/ Ten Little Fingers** by Jose-Luis Orzco then sing a song.
- Read **If You Give a Moose a Muffin** by Laura Numeroff then get a muffin at the bakery.

Longer books to read aloud to a five-year-old:

- Read **My Father's Dragon** by Ruth Stiles Gannett and pack a backpack with what you and your child need for the day.
- Read **Charlotte's Web** by E.B. White and go to the State Fair to look at animals.
- Read **James and the Giant Peach** by Roald Dahl and eat a fresh, juicy peach.

