



PARENT-CHILD READING GUIDE

Using Dialogic Reading Strategies



What are dialogic reading strategies?

Dialogic reading strategies make use of prompts to encourage interactions between the adult and the child when reading together. The five different types of prompts can be represented by the acronym, 'CROWD'. You can use these prompts in any sequence.

Want to find out more? [Watch this video!](#)

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COMPLETION

Invite your child to complete the sentence by pausing before the end.

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RECALL

Invite your child to recall events in the book.

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OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

Ask your child open-ended questions which encourage more than one-word answers.

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WH-QUESTIONS

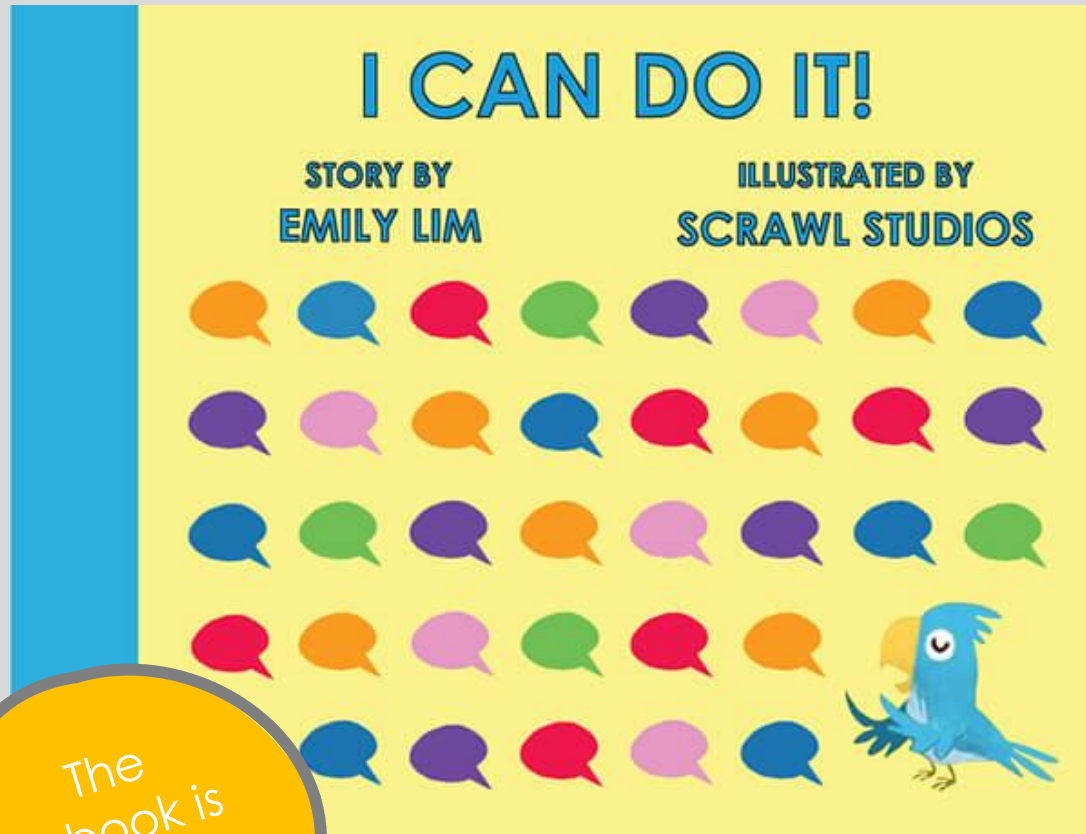
Ask your child questions beginning with "who", "what", "where", "when", "why" and "how".

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DISTANCING

Ask your child to make connections between the book and their personal experiences.

Reading Guide for “I Can Do It!”



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Page	Prompt/Question to	CROWD strategy
7	Padi did not give up. What does he say here? “I can ...” (pause and wait for your child to complete)	Completion
9	Doesn't this look just like our neighbourhood? Do you remember that we went to the playground yesterday? What did you do there?	Distancing
15-16	Where do you think Padi is? What do you see that tells you it's an MRT station?	Wh-Questions
17	How do you think the children feel when they see Padi? Why do you think they are so happy/excited to see Padi?	Open-ended
At the end of the story	Can you tell me what happened in the book? Which was your favourite part?	Recall

Reading Guide for “Shall I Take a Bite?”

SHALL I TAKE A BITE?

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6	How would you describe durians? What do you think about the look, smell, and taste of durians?	Open-ended
14	What did the boy dream of? Why do you think he had such a dream?	Wh-Questions
20	The boy is thinking if he should eat durians for dinner. He thinks to himself, “Shall I...?” (pause and wait for your child to complete the question)	Completion
22	Do you remember the time you tried a new fruit? Did you enjoy it? Why?	Distancing
At the end of the story	Can you tell me what happened in the book? Which was your favourite part?	Recall

Reading Guide for “The Best Party Ever”

THE BEST PARTY EVER!

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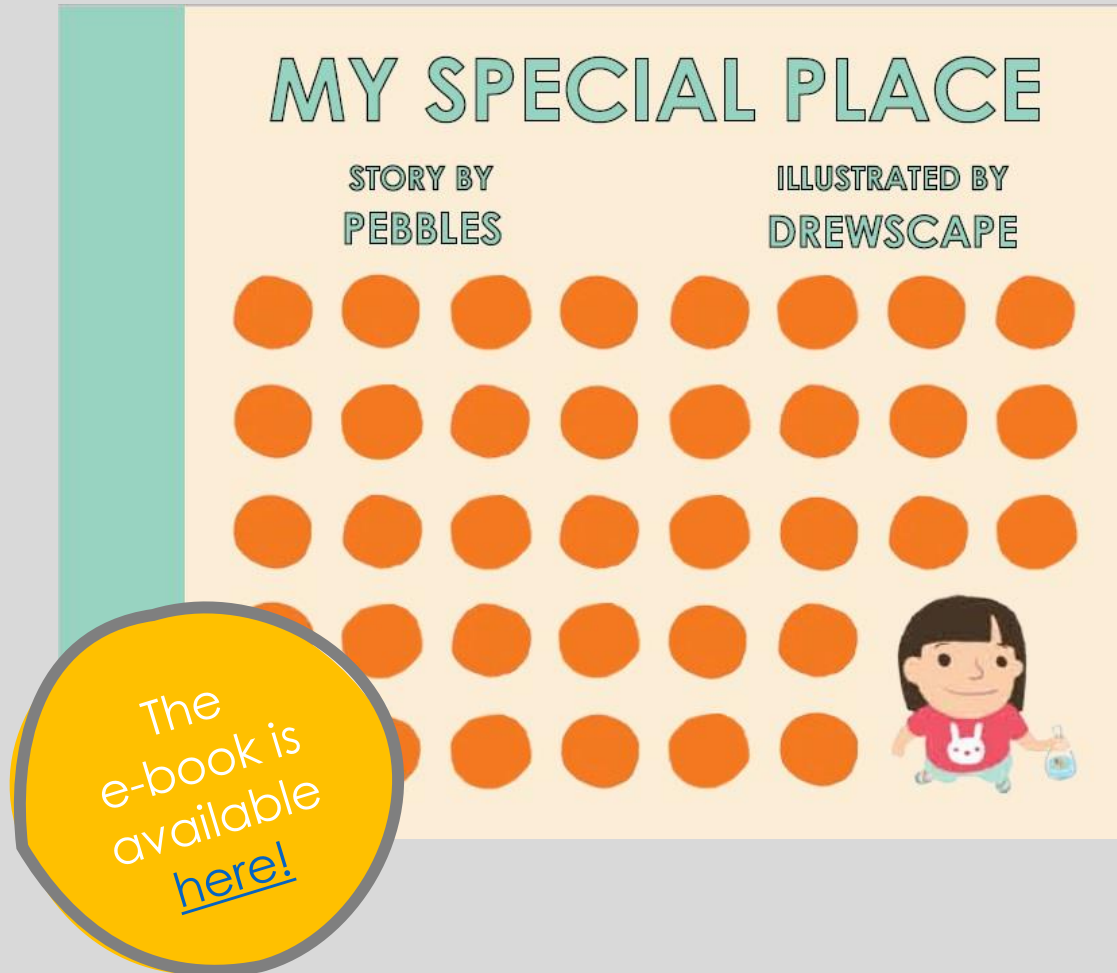
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5	Who brought the ikan bilis? What did Patches bring?	Wh-Questions
18	Do you remember the last party you went to? What was it like?	Distancing
23	If you had a party for Kitty, what would you do?	Open-ended
At the end of the story	Can you tell me what happened in the book? Which was your favourite part?	Recall

Reading Guide for “My Special Place”



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2	Who can you see here? What are they doing? Where do you think they are all going?	Wh- Questions
6	How do you think the noodle seller feels? Why do you say so?	Open-ended
12	Do you remember the last time we ate _____ (choose and point to a dish)? How was it for you?	Distancing
20	The girl is thinking about what the birds see. What does she say? (pause and wait for your child to say, "I wonder...").	Completion
At the end of the story	Can you tell me what happened in the book? Which was your favourite part?	Recall