

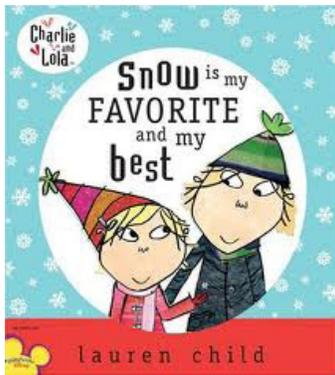
TV talk

Let's play and talk together

- ❖ Watch TV with your child. Talk together about what you see and hear.
- ❖ Ask your child to tell you about favourite programs. Listen and ask questions. Find out what your child likes and why.
- ❖ Ask your child to choose one show and re-tell the story.



A good read-together book



Snow Is My Favourite and My Best
by Lauren Child

This activity is good for learning to remember and re-tell stories. It will also help you and your child talk about good programs to watch on TV.

You will need a TV, a TV schedule, a comfortable place to watch TV, and some paper and markers for re-telling a TV story on paper.

Hints for success

- ❖ Sit side-by-side with your child and focus on the TV and your child's responses.
- ❖ Let your child take the lead in the conversation. Listen carefully with an open mind to your child's ideas.
- ❖ Ask questions that encourage your child to talk about his or her interests, likes and dislikes.

I was surprised by the ending of the story. What did you think of it?

What do you think was the best part of that show?

Ways to say it

More ideas for TV talk

Try this way

- ❖ Make a three-part storyboard by putting three rectangles in a row on a piece of paper. Help your child draw the beginning, middle and end of a favourite TV show in the rectangles. Write words together to go with the pictures.
- ❖ Make a TV schedule of good children's programs with your child. Put the schedule where your child can see it, and look at the schedule with your child to decide what you will watch together.
- ❖ Limit TV time each day. Encourage your child to choose which programs to watch during TV time.



Language development

Help your child re-tell stories from TV by using prompts such as "At the beginning...", "And then...", "Next...", "At the end...". This will help your child learn the language of putting events in order.

Early numeracy

Make a chart that lists several of your child's favourite TV programs. Each time you watch a program, put the date on the chart and rate the show by putting stars beside the date, e.g. 3 stars for outstanding, 2 stars for OK, 1 star for not very good, and 0 stars for terrible. Talk about your ratings. Compare favourite programs over time to see which you like best.

Book link

Brian Wildsmith's Favourite Nursery Rhymes
by Brian Wildsmith