



# Let's Start Sharing Stories

In this story, Topsy and Tim are taking a train journey. Help your child tell a story with these 3 fun and easy steps, giving them a great start with talking, listening and understanding.

This is one of a series of story starters from Ladybird and Read On. Get On. to help your little ones build the language skills they need to be good future readers.



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Take a short walk with your child – indoors or outside – and talk about what you can hear. Say things like: 'Can you hear that noise? I think it's the birds', 'What's that noise? Is it the washing machine?', 'I can hear a train going past.'

2

If your child is younger they'll need more help to focus on sounds: 'That's the sound of someone knocking on the door.' With an older child, ask: 'What can you hear?'

3

## Keeping the story going

Listen together for sounds in different situations. What can your child hear when you are shopping together? What noises are on the bus or in the car?

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