



**Strong Start to reading™**  
"Making a difference in the life of a child"



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Post-it notes

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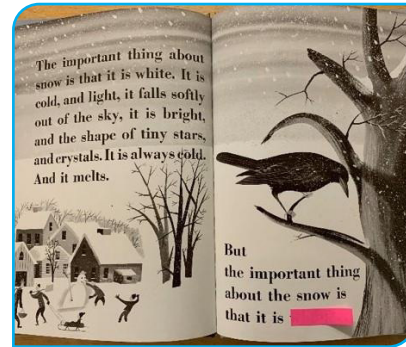


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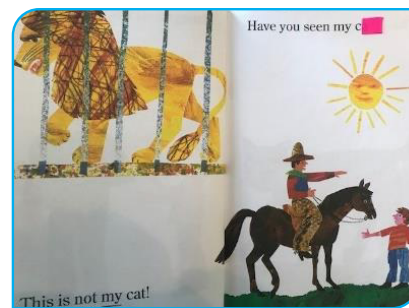
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- develop an interest in reading.
- develop an awareness that text can convey ideas or messages.
- explore sounds, rhythms, and language structures.
- develop awareness of print direction on a page.
- develop awareness of letters versus words.
- develop one-to-one correspondence (voice matches print): Point to each word, follow and match the text as you read.
- develop understanding that print carries the message.

## Cover Up



1. Read the book aloud or together.
2. Cover one of the words with a post-it note or small piece of paper.
3. Read the sentence, stopping at the covered word.
4. Have your child guess the covered word.
5. You can give your child a clue by uncovering just the first letter or two, if they get stuck.
6. Uncover the word to see if your guess was right.
7. Allow your child to cover a word while you guess.
8. To give your child a bit of a challenge, see if they can stretch out the sounds of the word and print it on a piece of paper before you uncover the word.



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