

Develop thinking skills by making predictions



One good way for your child to develop her cognitive skills is by making predictions about things around her. Help her learn to make “educated guesses” about what she thinks will happen in the future based on information that she already knows.

Have your child practice making predictions with:

- **Books.** Predicting what will happen next in a story helps your child use her brain to better comprehend what you’re reading to her. Before turning the page, ask questions like, “What do you think the bear will eat?” or “After they get in the boat, where do you think they will they go?”
- **Experiences.** Ask your child, “What do you think we will see in the grocery store?” “What might we



find when we go for our walk this afternoon?”

Encourage your child to compare her predictions with what actually happens. If you talked about what you would see at the store, you can say, “You predicted we would see apples and grapes. They’re over there! Look, there are bananas and strawberries here, too.”