

# July 2012 15 months

Past 15-month Raising Readers books



## Oral Language: Expressive Vocabulary

Language can be so much fun to learn. 15-month-olds are using one-word utterances; but a single word can convey a lot of meaning! Toddlers at this age are using mostly nouns, so any books with nouns as their main “plot” work well. Books that work a number of ways also are great at this age, the child can say the name of an animal or object on a page and the adult can add the other text. Books with adjectives and nouns go a long way in building receptive vocabulary. Make sure you point to the pictures that illustrate the words and emphasizing rhyme and alliteration when reading.

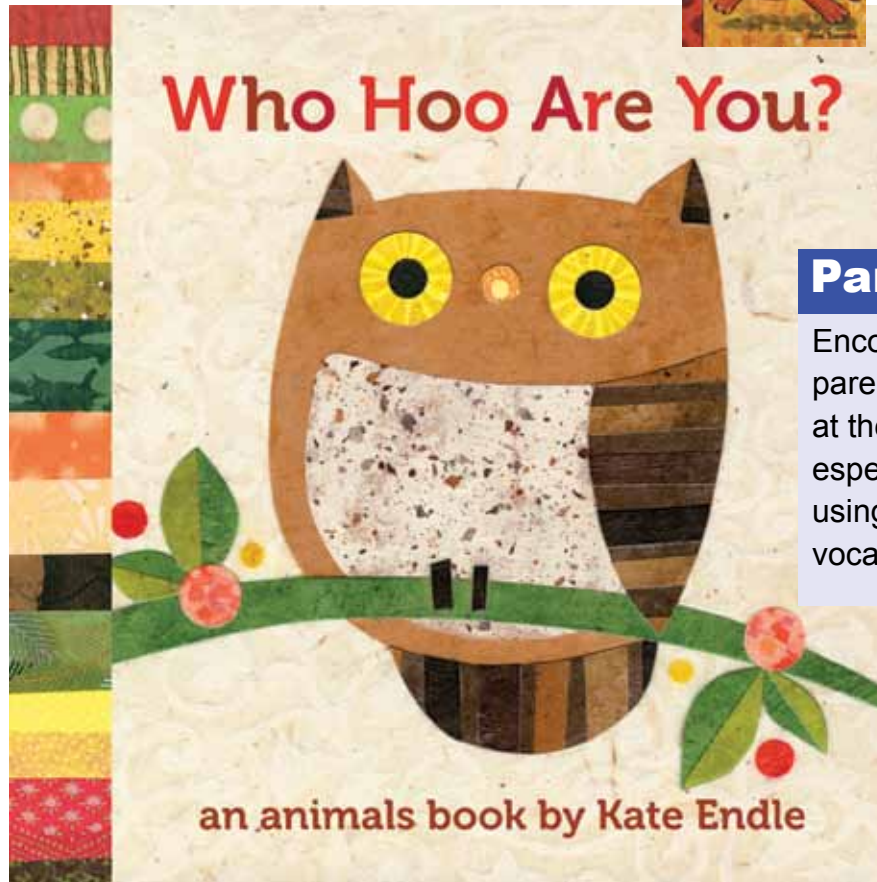
### Other books to share with this age group

*Knees and Toes* Scholastic (2011)

*My Big Animal Book* by Roger Priddy

*Carry me* (Babies Everywhere) by Rena D. Grossman

*Happy Baby ABC* (Soft-to-Touch) by Sarah Kappely



### Parent Tip

Encourage parents to point at the pictures, especially when using new vocabulary.

### RAISING READERS THROUGH THE YEAR



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*Infants and toddlers learn best when learning is embedded in meaningful relationships. This condition is especially true for learning language, which is rooted in social interaction and nurtured there.*

—Kubicek, 1996