

Parts of a Book - Teacher Script

Skill/Objective: The child will identify the front cover, back cover, title, and title page of a book.

Materials Needed:

- At least 2 children's book with a clearly printed title
- "Parts of a Book" worksheet
- Pencil

TEACHER SCRIPT

Today we are going to become book detectives! A detective looks carefully for clues, and we are going to look for four important parts of a book.

Hold up the closed book. This is the front cover. The front cover is the first outside part we see. It often shows the book's title and a picture that gives us a clue about the story. Point to the title. The title is the name of the book. This book is called "[say the title]." The title helps us know which book we are reading.

Turn the book around. This is the back cover. It is the outside part at the back of the book. Sometimes the back cover has words or pictures that tell us more about the book. Now open the book near the beginning and find the title page. This is the title page. It is inside the book and usually shows the title again. It may also tell us the author's name and the illustrator's name.

Let's review. The front cover is at the front, the back cover is at the back, the title is the book's name, and the title page is inside the book.

Can you point to the front cover and tell me the title of this book?

PRACTICE

Help the child examine a real book and locate its front cover, back cover, title, and title page before completing the worksheet.

GUIDED PRACTICE

Place the book in front of the child.

1. Ask the child to touch the front cover.
2. Ask, "What is the name of this book?" Point to the title if help is needed.
3. Ask the child to turn the book over and touch the back cover.
4. Open the book and help the child locate the title page.
5. Mix up the requests and repeat them:
 - o "Show me the title."
 - o "Find the back cover."
 - o "Where is the title page?"
 - o "Point to the front cover."

Provide a model when needed: "This is the front cover. Now you find the back cover."

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