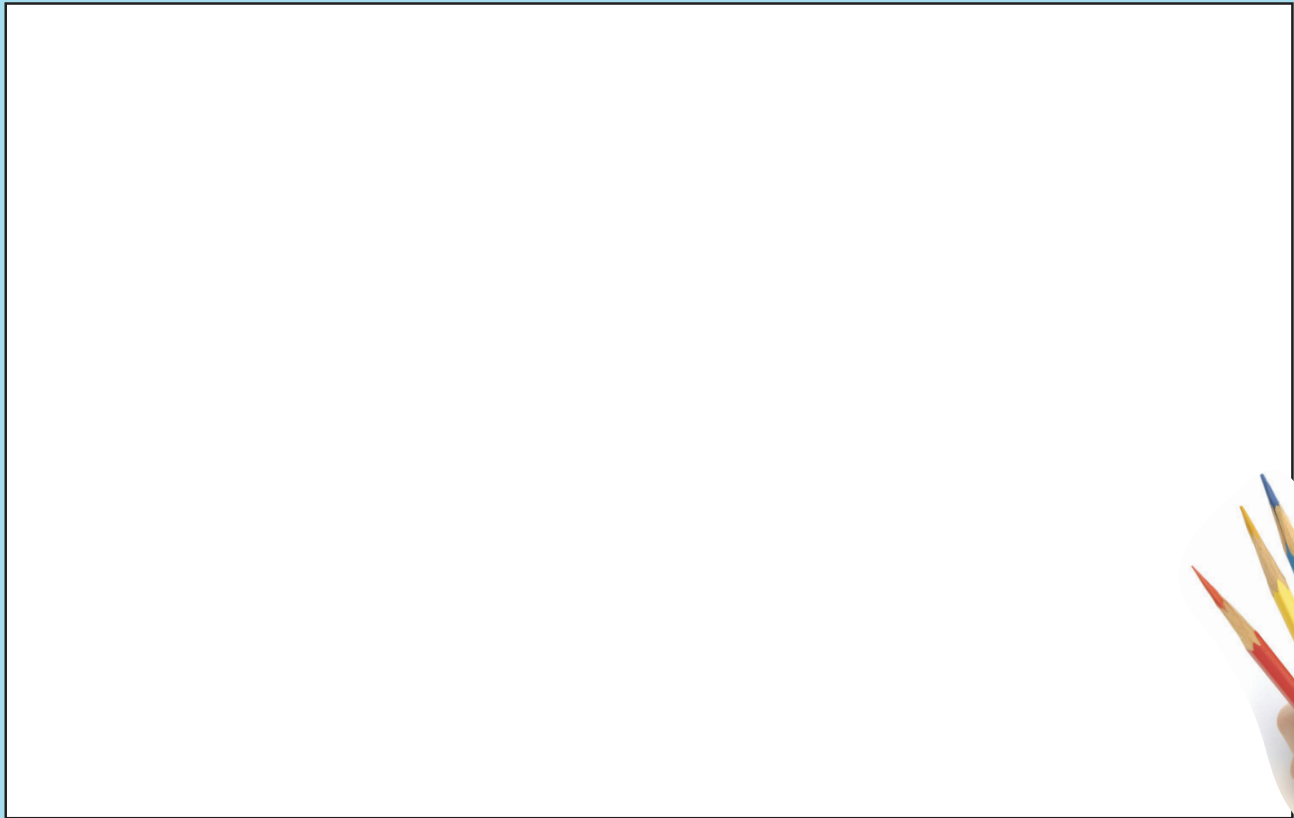


What do you do?

1. Have your child draw a picture of anything in the box below—but no helping! Celebrate whatever your child creates!
2. Ask your child about the picture. “What do you see when you look at your picture?”
3. On the lines below the box, write down exactly what your child says about the picture.
4. Be sure to write down the exact words, including grammatical quirks and phrasing choices. Children need to see their words just as they said them.
5. Read back their words to them, pointing at each word as you read it.
6. Repeat often!

Literacy is visual too! As words, thoughts and feelings come to life on a blank piece of paper, we build our literacy skills. As children make the connection between the spoken word and the words they see in books, they learn an essential developmental step, and a fun one to enjoy!



For more fun activities you can share
with your children, visit

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Taking it Further

Want to connect a story to your activity? We recommend *Ish* by Peter H. Reynolds. *Ish* is a fantastic picture book that tells the story of a young artist finding the joy of creativity in his own way.