



—Parent Tips—

BookFlix offers the opportunity to create meaningful, high-quality interactions between children and adults. With topics and stories appropriate for the learning skills of preschoolers through grade three, BookFlix makes learning fun and interesting, as children learn the difference between fact and fiction.

All the fiction/nonfiction pairs in BookFlix are categorized according to nine themes that focus on developmentally appropriate concepts and topics. Below are some helpful hints for making the most of BookFlix at home.

Browse the categories and choose a topic that interests your child. Review the lesson plan that accompanies each pair to help start a dialogue with your child before viewing the video.

Choose a pair and then click on Watch the Story. Enjoy the story as it unfolds in the video. (If your child likes the story you may want to check out the book the next time you visit the library.)

Click on Meet the Author. What can you learn about authors' lives to help you understand the stories they write? If your child is interested, click on the link to visit the author's Web site. You may also explore some reference books the next time you visit the library. Reference volumes such as the Junior Book of Authors and Illustrators series or the Something About the Author series will give you more information about your favorite authors and illustrators.

Click on Read the Book. This is the nonfiction book that relates to the story you watched. You may choose to listen to the book being read or read it aloud to your child as you click on Turn Page prompt. Talk with your child about the difference between the fictional story in the video and the factual book you have read.

Click on Puzzlers and help your child play the Word Match game. Depending on the age of your child, these may be activities they can do on their own. Talk about the word puzzles with your child and define any words he or she does not already know.

Click on Fact or Fiction. Talk with your child about the three possible answers to each question. Remember, you are looking for the answer that is fiction, or make-believe. Children in the pre-K and primary grades are just learning to separate fact from fiction and will enjoy the excitement of knowing the right answer.

Click on Explore the Web. You will be directed to Web sites that directly relate to the topic of the story and the nonfiction book. These Web sites have been carefully selected for the age of your child.

Be sure to stop when your child gets restless. You can always come back to the topic later to learn more. When you next visit the library, you may want to check out some other books on the topic you have been exploring together.