

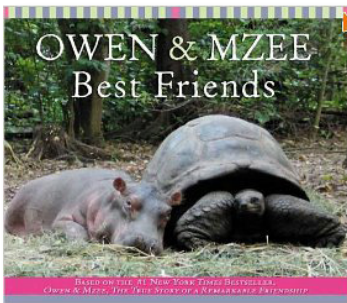
# Making photo stories

## Let's play and talk together

- ❖ Take some photos of your child during a favourite activity.
- ❖ Print the pictures and look at them together. Talk about what is happening in each picture.
- ❖ Help your child choose a favourite picture for a photo story.
- ❖ Glue the picture onto a sheet of blank paper. Invite your child to suggest a short story to go with the picture.
- ❖ Print your child's story next to the picture. Then read it together.
- ❖ Display the photo story where your child can re-tell it often and share it with family and friends.



## A good read-together book



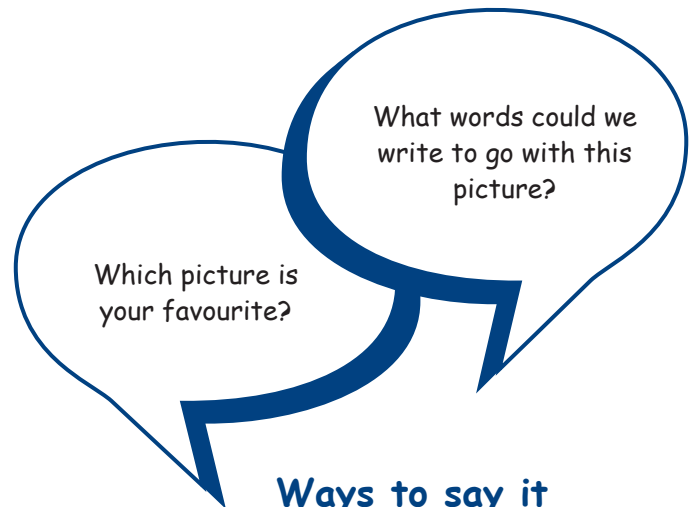
**Owen and Mzee: Best Friends** by Craig Hatkoff, Isabella Hatkoff and Dr. Paula Kahumbu

You will need a camera, a printer, blank paper, glue, and a crayon or marker.

This activity will help your child remember and re-tell stories and learn how to save memories in pictures and writing.

## Hints for success

- ❖ Start with just a few pictures to make it easier for your child to choose a favourite.
- ❖ Follow your child's lead and print your child's own words to go with the picture.



## Ways to say it

# More ideas for Making photo stories

## Try this way

- ❖ Keep a camera on hand so your child can ask you to take photos of events to remember.
- ❖ Help your child collect photos of important events in your child's experience. Make a "Memory Book" in a photo album or scrapbook. Look at the photos and talk about them often to help your child learn to remember and re-tell stories.

## Social development

Take photos of your child with friends, caregivers or other family members. Look at the photos together and talk about people that are important to your child. Help your child make a "Friendship Book" with pictures and words on each page.

## Early numeracy

Take photos over time during an activity or event. Print the photos and invite your child to help you put them in sequence, e.g. "What happened first?" "What happened next?" Put each photo on a page to make a book that tells the story of the event. Number the pages in order before adding words.



## Early literacy

Look for books in the library that are illustrated with photographs. Talk about the photographs before reading the text on each page. Help your child learn to read pictures by looking carefully to predict what the text will be about.

## Book links

**Owen & Mzee: A Day Together** by Craig Hatkoff,  
Isabella Hatkoff, Dr. Paula Kahumbu

**If You Find A Rock** by Peggy Christian