

## Core Skills Analysis

### Literacy

- Cillian practiced listening skills by engaging in a shared reading session, which helps develop comprehension and attention span.
- Areas of vocabulary building and language development were naturally supported through the exposure to new words and sentence structures during read-aloud.
- By reading with a trusted adult, Cillian experienced social interaction that encourages communication and verbal expression related to the story.
- This activity likely supported early literacy concepts like print awareness and narrative understanding, foundational to future reading skills.

### Tips

To deepen Cillian's engagement and literacy skills, incorporate interactive reading strategies such as asking predictive and reflective questions about the story to boost critical thinking. Encourage Cillian to retell parts of the story in their own words or act out scenes with family members, enhancing comprehension and expressive abilities. Introduce a variety of book genres and topics to broaden language exposure and connect reading to real-world experiences. Additionally, incorporating a follow-up drawing or story creation activity can reinforce narrative skills and spark creativity.

### Book Recommendations

- [Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?](#) by Bill Martin Jr. and Eric Carle: A repetitive and rhythmic story that helps young children predict and recognize animals, colors, and patterns.
- [The Very Hungry Caterpillar](#) by Eric Carle: A classic picture book that introduces days of the week, counting, and the lifecycle of a butterfly through engaging illustrations.
- [If You Give a Mouse a Cookie](#) by Laura Numeroff: A fun, circular story that helps children understand cause and effect and sequencing in stories.

### Learning Standards

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.1: With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.K.3: With prompting and support, identify characters, settings, and major events in a story.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RF.K.1.D: Recognize and name all upper- and lowercase letters of the alphabet.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.K.1: Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about kindergarten topics and texts.

### Try This Next

- Create a simple worksheet where Cillian draws their favorite part of the story and labels it with help from an adult.
- Develop a brief quiz with questions about the story's characters, settings, and main events to enhance recall and understanding.