

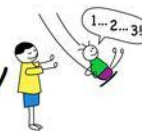


# Where Is Lulu?

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Early  
Family  
Math



Interactive Story

# Adult Readers

**Before Talking** Talk with your child before they can talk or even understand the words. Point at, name, and describe things you see, such as shapes, colors, comparisons, and quantities. As your child begins to understand words, ask about a thing and have your child point at it. For example, "Where is the ball?" If your child can't find the thing, point to it for them.

**Early Talking** As your child begins to understand and say words, mix in simple questions. Freely help with answers as needed. If you point and say "Is this red?" and they don't know, supply the answer. If you say "Count the blocks." and your child does not know how, point and count the blocks with them "one, two, three."

**Math Themes and Words** This story has counting to 10, comparing sizes, and geometry. Practice words: numbers to 10, one more, one less, less, more, small, big, too, too big, smallest, largest, triangle, rectangle, pentagon, cylinder, same, on, under, and on top of.

**Read, Talk, and Have Fun!** The supplied questions and comments are just the beginning.

For the 1<sup>st</sup> reading, read the red questions and comments.

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, read the blue questions and comments.

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading, read the green questions and comments.

After that, follow your child's interests and let your discussions go in fun directions.



"Oh, no!"

1. Lulu is scared of something. She is holding that book very tightly – perhaps her fear has something to do with the book?

2. What are some things that scare you?

3. What do you do when you are scared? Do you go to someone or maybe find a safe place?



"Lulu, it is time to go," calls Ma.

1. Lulu is running away from her mother. Where do you think she will hide?
2. What do you think is Lulu's favorite color? How can you tell?
3. Is Lulu walking or running? How can you tell?



Where is Lulu?

Is she under the sofa?

1. Lulu is hiding. Do you see Lulu?
2. Count together the cushions and window panes.
3. Are there more or less cushions than window panes? What is the difference – how far apart are the two numbers?



Is she behind the curtain?

1. That's a clever disguise for Lulu.  
Why does her clothing make her stand out?

2. Count together the number of legs on the lamp table. Do you have any tables around you with that many legs?

3. The number of legs on the lamp table is one less than the number on the couch. Three is one less than what number?



Where is Lulu?

Is she next to the stove?

1. Guess where Lulu is hiding in the kitchen.
2. Count the cabinet knobs together.
3. Point at all the round things you can find in this kitchen – there are quite a few.



Is she in the cupboard?

1. Once again, Lulu picked a clever hiding place, but her colors don't fit in with the colors in the kitchen.

2. A rectangle is a four-sided shape like this page. Count the rectangles you see on this page.

3. A cylinder is a shape like a jar with straight sides. There are five cylinders on the top shelf (the bowl is not a cylinder). How many are there on Lulu's shelf? Is it the same number?





"Lulu, it is time to go! Where are you?" calls Ma.

1. Lulu blends in better this time.  
Do you see her?

2. So many things to count! Point at and count together the blocks on the floor, the dolls, and the drawings on the wall.

3. Which group of things is the largest and which is the smallest?



"There you are!" says Ma.

"I do not want to gooo!"

1. Lulu is still holding her book tightly. Do you think Lulu is afraid her mother will take it away?

2. Lulu seems like she can be difficult when she doesn't get her way. How are you when you don't get your way?

3. Lulu's room has many rectangles. How many can you count?



"We have to go," says Ma.

"But I really like this one!"

1. Lulu's book looks very big compared to Lulu. Do you think her book is really that big?

2. Do you have a favorite book or story that you like to look through or have told to you? Have you heard the story many times?

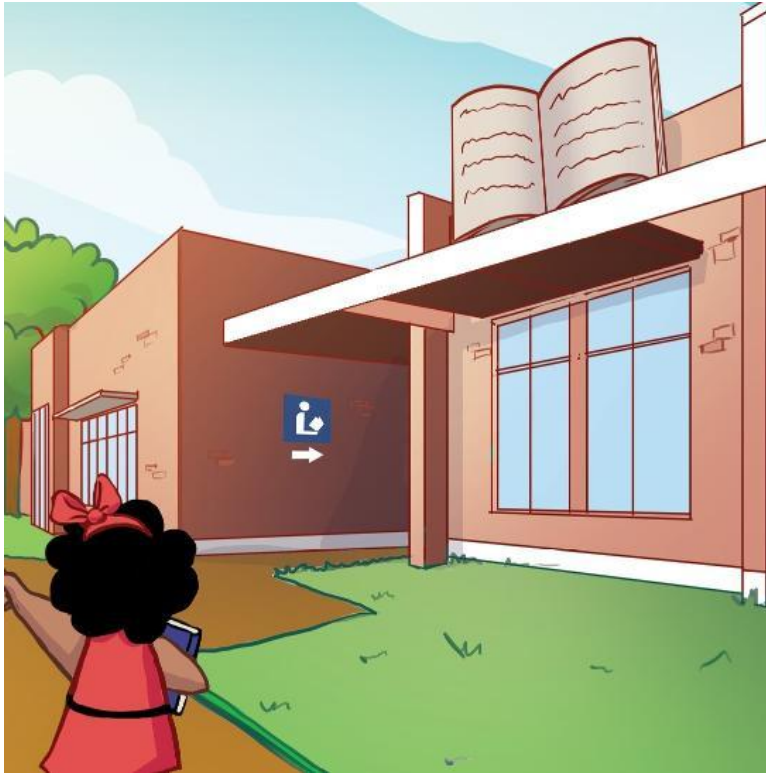
3. There are many kinds of stories. There are scary ones, funny ones, and some are adventures. Do you have a favorite type?



1. This building has many rectangles. Most buildings use rectangles a lot for their sides and windows.

2. Triangles are three-sided shapes, and pentagons are five-sided shapes. There is a famous building called the Pentagon because it is made in the shape of a pentagon.

3. Why do you suppose buildings are not often made in the shape of a triangle or circle? Have you seen any buildings like that?



1. Where are they going? What does that big book on top of the building tell you about what this building is?

2. What is going to happen to Lulu's book at this library?

3. Do you have a place where you can borrow books near where you live? Have you ever borrowed books there?



"I really like this one!"

1. She found a new book very quickly. It didn't take Lulu long to forget about her old book.

2. How does Lulu feel about this new book? How can you tell?

3. The windows behind Lulu have four sides and are almost rectangles. How are they different from rectangles?



"And this one!"

1. Lulu is a very enthusiastic person. Some people display their feelings a lot and others are quieter with them. Which are you?

2. How many books do you think she will want to take home?

3. Do you have a library near you?  
Do you like to check books out of the library?



"And this one!"

"And this one!"

1. How many Lulus are there in this picture? Why did the artist draw more than one?

2. To count as Lulu grabs books, you would keep adding "one more" each time she added a book. What is one more than zero? What is one more than one? You can count as high as you like this way!

3. Libraries are supposed to be quiet places. Do you think Lulu should be running around?





"See, you return books and borrow more," says Ma.

"YAY!"

1. Why isn't Lulu sad about having to return her old book?
2. Count together the books on the counter.
3. How many books do you think Lulu is checking out? What is the largest number you know?



Where is Lulu now?

1. Lulu checked out a lot of books!  
Can you count them all?

2. Do you think Lulu likes to look at  
and read books?

3. Do you?

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