

Ready Rosie is an innovative and fun set of videos designed to enhance parents' understanding of their children's learning. The videos also have tremendous potential to support adults and children to develop their language and literacy skills. With careful consideration, Ready Rosie can be part of a comprehensive program in a family literacy context with families who are learning English. My comments here reflect the ideas generously shared by Katie Murphy, a family literacy teacher with many years of experience working with English learners, including those with limited formal schooling.

In particular with low level English learners, as well as with families who do not have personal access to technology, Katie Murphy suggests that the Ready Rosie videos will be most effectively used as a classroom resource during English instruction as well as parenting education. Teachers will want to be sensitive to topics and situations featured in the videos that may be culturally imbued. For example, many immigrant and refugee families do not eat out in restaurants or drive.

It is important to emphasize that parents use the primary language when applying the strategies demonstrated in the Ready Rosie videos with their children since the primary language is an essential foundation for children's developing both their first language and English.

Katie Murphy makes the following suggestions for choosing videos to use in class. Choose videos that:

- model parents and children reading together
- feature singing and nursery rhymes
- show families interacting/engaging with books in some way other than reading (like choosing what to read, looking at covers, etc)
- show parents and children counting familiar objects (not toys or American food items; things families will recognize, like fruits and vegetables or cups)
- take place in familiar settings like home, grocery store, etc., or places that families can easily access for free, like parks or libraries
- show sensory play with easily available items

With these considerations in mind, family literacy teachers will find that Ready Rosie can be a helpful resource to support the language and literacy development of families who are learning English.

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