My child seems to spend more time looking at the pictures than reading. What should I do?

In books written for beginning readers, the pictures are often intended to help the child figure out words that he cannot yet read using other sources of information (such as the letters). Also, the pictures often provide the beginning reader with important information about the story that the words don’t tell. Therefore, a child will understand the book better, and find reading easier, if he looks at the pictures carefully. Looking at the pictures is generally something to encourage.