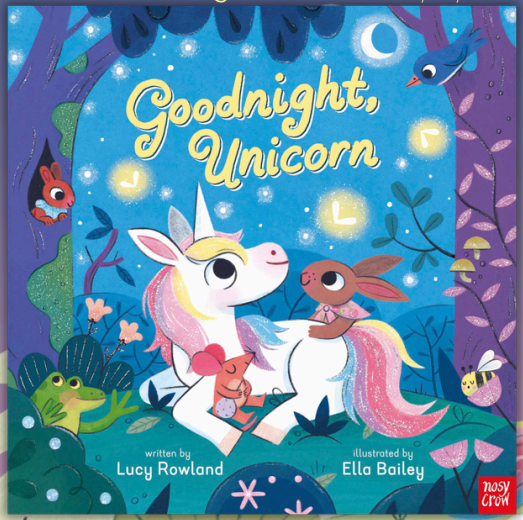
Goodnight, Unicorn: Tips for Talking

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- **Talk about the pictures** - point to the unicorn and name the other animals, objects, and actions you see.

- **Add actions** - pretend to brush teeth, stretch, yawn and snuggle up. Using actions supports children's understanding of new words.

- **Ask simple questions** using "who," "what," and "where"? For example, "What is Unicorn doing?", "Who is helping Unicorn?", and "Where is Unicorn sleeping?".

- **Put Teddy to bed** - help your child put their favorite toy to bed. Can they talk about the bedtime steps in order? You can support them by modeling the words "First," "Next," "Then," and "Last."

- **Say Goodnight!** Encourage your child to join in with saying "Goodnight" to all the characters.

- **Read it again!** Repetition is so important for understanding and learning new words.

Lucy Rowland, author of *Goodnight, Unicorn*, is also a children's speech and language therapist. Drawing on her experience, she offers these tips for caregivers to support young children's language development while reading together.