

A guide about vocabulary - learning new words

Why is it important?

- Children need a range of words to express their needs.
- Children need to understand the words other people use.

Different types of words:

- Concrete words are things we can see and touch, eg table, juice, computer.
- Abstract words include concepts, e.g. love, heavy, surprised. These are often more difficult for children to learn. They are used in many classroom subjects like maths and science.

How you can help?

- Explain new words that you use or that you and your child come across in books or TV.
- Find out which topics your child is working on at school and look for related words and objects in your home.
- Play “find the “ (e.g. cup) or “what’s in the bag”.
- Describe objects by what they’re used for and ask the child to find them.
- Play sorting games – put a range of things in a bag and ask them to find the ones you’d keep in the kitchen.

Remember:

- to pick a time when you and your child are able to concentrate
- to use games, books and TV programmes your child is interested in
- to make activities fun.

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