



Talking Together

BUILDING LANGUAGE SKILLS AT HOME

Talking with your child is one of the best ways to help them develop strong language skills. Everyday moments offer great opportunities to talk, listen, and connect. Here are some simple and meaningful ways to engage in conversation with your child:

Talk about the world around you

Throughout the day, talk with your child about what you see, do, and experience together. For example, while folding laundry, you might say, "These socks are a matching pair. Can you find another pair that matches?" This helps your child learn new words and concepts.

Ask open-ended questions

Get your child thinking and talking by asking questions that need more than a yes or no answer. For example, "What should we pack for our picnic?" or "What do you think will happen next in this story?" This keeps the conversation going and helps build problem-solving and language skills.

Share stories and songs

Storytelling and singing are great ways to connect with your child and share family traditions. Tell stories from your childhood or sing songs that are special to your family. These activities help expand your child's vocabulary and strengthen your family culture.

Speak your family's language

If your family speaks a language other than English at home, use it when talking with your child. Children can learn more than one language at a time, and being bilingual has many benefits! Speaking your home language helps your child stay connected to their heritage and strengthens their overall language skills.

