

Parent Tips for Facilitating Language in the Home

1. Speak with your child often using a rich and varied vocabulary.
2. Always speak in a normal rate in complete sentences.
3. Allow time for processing. Do not finish your child's sentences.
4. Repeat yourself when necessary without showing frustration.
5. Inquire about your child's interests. e.g. TV shows. crafting, sports, etc.
6. Encourage your child to support their responses with reasons/evidence.
7. Explain figurative language & common expressions.
8. Practice making predictions and inferences. e.g. during a movie ask "what if" or "what might happen next?"
9. Encourage your child to elaborate, and don't accept simple yes/no responses.