

Get Talking


Talking and reading with children of all ages really helps their language & vocabulary development


Research shows that vocabulary at around age 5 strongly predicts how well children will do in school


Your child's school reading book uses common everyday vocabulary designed to develop their reading. Use this vocabulary with your children


Children also need to hear you reading more difficult books and stories. These books will really help develop their vocabulary, thinking & language skills. They need to be interesting & fun




 Libraries are great for talking and choosing books. Help your child choose a book, in line with their age


 Discuss what the book is about.


 Talk about the characters and how they might be feeling. Give your ideas and pause- this encourages your child to talk more than when you ask lots of questions.

 During the story, stop reading and talk about what is happening e.g I wonder what tiger will do next..

 Talk about the characters and how they might be feeling eg I wonder what the tiger is thinking/ feeling, perhaps the tiger is feeling.....

 Talk about what might happen next before you turn the page.

 Link the story to things in your child's every-day life.

 Talk about new words and explain what they mean. Use them again later in the day. Hearing new words used at different times helps your child to learn.

 **Give your child time to talk; try not to ask lots of questions.**

