

A smiling woman with long dark hair is sitting on a couch, reading a large blue book to two children. On her left is a young girl with dark hair wearing a bright green shirt, and on her right is a young boy with light brown hair wearing a yellow shirt. Both children are smiling and looking at the book. The background shows a window with a view of trees outside.

Regardless of the language the child is learning or the family is speaking at home, hearing language as much as possible will increase vocabulary, build brain connections and support the overall development of the child. Children grow and develop skills through language and communication development.

- Embracing daily routine as an opportunity for communication and language development.
- Exposure to home language in the form of music, chants, print and family engagement.
- Describing actions.
- Promoting picture books to increase vocabulary and discussion. Identifying and naming feelings and emotions.



- Model language throughout the day, describing what you are doing, seeing, and feeling
- Add descriptive words whenever possible i.e., “The yellow duckling is so small, and fluffy!” “This yogurt is cold on my tongue; it feels smooth and tastes sweet.”
- Make a game out of asking simple questions and making simple requests. Acknowledge when a child responds or is successful in responding to a request.
- Use sign language when singing favorite songs, asking a question, or making a request and responding to a young child’s request or question.

- Provide tasks with several steps; encourage the children to follow verbal directions
- Ask open-ended questions that demonstrate a deeper understanding of concepts

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