

SUPPORTING LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AT HOME

Books to Support Vocabulary Development

These books offer repetition, rich language, and opportunities to label and describe:

- "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" by Bill Martin Jr. & Eric Carle
- "Dear Zoo" by Rod Campbell
- "Where's Spot?" by Eric Hill
- "Goodnight Moon" by Margaret Wise Brown
- "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle

Parent Tips for Vocabulary Growth

- Repeat & Expand: If your child says "car," you say "Yes! A fast red car is driving."
- Follow their lead: Talk about what your child is doing or looking at.
- Pause & Wait: Give your child time to respond before jumping in.
- Use gestures
- Read the same books: Repetition builds memory and confidence.

Activities to Build Vocabulary at Home

1. Play-Based Naming

Toys: Play food, animals, vehicles.

- Model language: "This is a tomato. It's red and round. You can slice it!"

2. Category Sorting

Activity: Sort items into categories (e.g., animals vs. clothes).

- Use language like: "These are animals. They can move and make sounds. These are clothes. We wear them!"

3. Hide & Seek With Objects

- How: Hide familiar toys around a room.
- Language: "Where is the truck? Is it behind the pillow?"

4. Daily Routines = Word Opportunities

- During snack time: "This is a banana. Peel the yellow skin. It's soft and sweet!"
- During bath time: Label body parts, verbs ("wash," "splash"), and adjectives ("wet," "slippery").

5. Sing Songs with Motions

- Songs like: "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes," "Old MacDonald," or "The Wheels on the Bus."

Why it helps: Combines motor, rhythm, and repetition = better word retention.