

Developing Vocabulary

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What the research says.....

“ The basis of a lifelong love and talent for learning may very well be a solid vocabulary. A strong vocabulary helps foster understanding, communication, and reading ability.”

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“ Without enough language – a word gap- a child is seriously limited in their enjoyment of school and success beyond.”

Words Matter.....

- An average 4 year old has a vocabulary of approximately 1200 words
- But a 5 year old has a vocabulary of 5,000 words.



So what can we do?



Eat together.....



Eat together, talk together...



Play together

- Provide a running commentary.
- Make 4 comments before a question.



Be a good role model..... (and don't dumb down)



Talk as you do...



Sing



Make up stories.....



Instruction games

- Can you put the teddy in the box?
- Can you put the large teddy in the box?
- Can you put the largest red teddy in the box?



Play word games.....



What's in the bag?

- Can your child name the items in the bag....
Sieve
- a silver sieve
- A shiny silver sieve
- A shiny silver sieve for making white fairy snow....



I Spy.....

- I'm thinking of a word that starts with b,br and it something you use to paint a house.
- I'm thinking of a word that starts with s, st and it's the home of a horse you find this building on a farm.
- I'm thinking of a word that starts with starts with s, sn and it's something I do with the scissors.

In my suitcase I put.....



Simple science at home...



Get out and about.....



In summary.....

- Talk..... a lot
- Read every day
- Eat together
- Reduce screen time
- Play – board games and imaginative play
- Go out
- Don't criticise