Building Vocabulary





Stories

Quality books remain one of the best ways of introducing your child to new, ambitious and exciting language. Take time to explain words and their meanings and take the opportunity to clap the syllables in these words too. Monosyllabic words, just as much as polysyllabic ones too!

Experiences

Experiences naturally bring new vocabulary. Visit the zoo, park, museum, theatre etc. Travelling by bus, train and tube are also exciting to children and encourage new conversations. Always be ambitious with the vocabulary you use with your child.





Actions

Play Simon Says and introduce lots of new body parts! Act out an action and can they guess what you are doing? Let them act out an action for you to guess too. Then ask them to put the new words/actions into a sentence.

Getting it wrong

Where your child mis-pronounces a word or is grammatically incorrect e.g. verb endings, simply repeat it back correctly. Avoid telling them they are wrong, keep it positive and encourage them to keep trying.

