

VOCABULARY

Knowing the names of things

Building a great **vocabulary** is one of the six early literacy skills that every child needs to develop to become a reader. Take time every day to introduce new words to your child. Use these tips to jump start your child's new word adventures.



Read books with your child at least three different days a week. Everyday is even better! Be sure to point and name objects on the page as you read.

Go for a walk in the park with your child. Point out things that you see to expand your child's vocabulary and teach him or her more about our community.



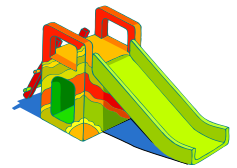
Trees



Birds



Flowers



Playground

What else did you see? -- dogs, ducks, ponds, mountains, bikes, balls, picnic benches?



orange
round
bumpy

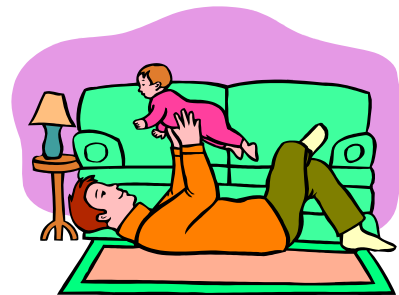


yellow
long
smooth

A trip to the grocery store is a great opportunity to talk about colors, shapes, textures, and smells. Do this regularly and you'll really increase your child's vocabulary.

PLAY!!!

Sit on the floor and play with your child. Go on. You can do it! Talk about the toys and what you're doing with them as you enjoy time together. This is a great way to introduce colors, shapes, and other concepts. Do this at least once a week.



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