

Keep it Simple- Language in the Home

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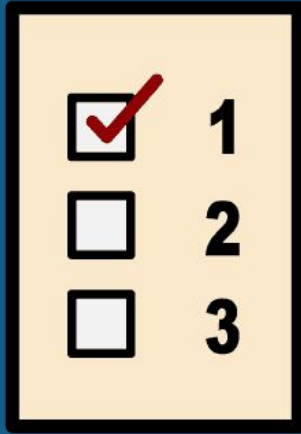
Helping students build strong communication skills

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Learning Objectives

1. Why language at home matters
 2. Opportunities for language
 3. Strategies to facilitate language
 4. Create a language rich home
 5. Benefits of facilitating language
 6. Tips
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Why Language Matters in the Home

Helping students build communication skills

- Language is the foundation for learning, literacy, and social skills
- Parents/caregivers are our student's *first teachers*
- Rich language environments lead to stronger vocabulary and communication skills

Opportunities for Language

When are the opportunities?
Everyday!

- Daily Routines
- Storytime/Songs
- Playtime

Strategies to use in creating a language rich home

Daily routines

Narrate routines:

Ask “Wh:” questions, open-ended questions.

Encourage turn-taking in conversation.

Cooking: talk about the sequence , the ingredients

Laundry: sort by colors, size, mine, yours

Groceries: label and describe

Strategies to use in creating a language rich home

Story time and songs

Read books daily and pause to ask questions

Label pictures and expand

Encourage your student to retell the story

Sing nursery rhymes or songs with repetition

Play with rhyming words

Tongue twisters and silly made-up words

Strategies to use in creating a language rich home

Play time: toys, arts/craft, and games/puzzles

Role play: dolls , action figures, pretend play sets, cars

Use dress up and encourage your student to invent stories and characters

“I Spy” scavenger hunts

Draw, paint, sidewalk chalk: describe your actions

Ask them to name their picture, explain what they made

Use photos and talk about who, what are in the photo

Play games: cards such as Uno, board games such as Guess Who?

Benefits of Facilitating Language:

- Stronger communication skills
- Better academic readiness
- Improved social interactions
- Greater confidence in expressing ideas

Language learning starts at home
Small, everyday interactions make a big difference
Parents/caregivers can create powerful foundation for lifelong learning

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