



# Developing Vocabulary

## Top tips to help your child learn new words



Say the names of things that your child is handling or looking at. Make sure your child hears the new word lots of times.



Introduce action words through daily routines (washing, sleeping, eating, drinking)



Video your child outdoors doing different actions. Name the action as they are doing it and let them tell you what they are doing.



Use words to describe things in your daily routines (big, little, wet, dry, hot, cold, dirty, broken, long). Also use colour names.



Link new words to the ones your child already knows e.g. '*Enormous* means really really big'



Encourage your child to ask 'What does ..... mean?' Praise them for asking when they don't understand a word.



Use actions or gestures to explain what a new word means. You could also clap the syllables in a word e.g. e-nor-mous (3 claps) or crun-chy (2 claps)



Look out for new words when sharing books with your child. If you have found a new word in a book, try to use it during your everyday activities where possible.



Talk about feelings and use words to describe how family members are feeling (e.g. grumpy, excited, upset, worried, annoyed).



Talk about things you see when you are outside. Tell your child the names of different vehicles or things you see in the park.