

Helping Your Child Grow Strong in Early Literacy

You can support your child's early literacy learning by:

1. Pointing out signs and symbols in the community; signs on packaging and symbols that have a meaning e.g. toilet, hospital, airport.



2. Encouraging them to 'touch and feel' the objects in the PaL kits you receive: – we learn lots of things through our senses and touch is an important sense.



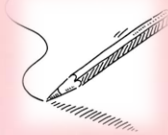
3. Telling them the names of objects and things when you come across them in books, games, around the house and in the community – learning new words helps kids 'vocabulary' grow.

words

4. Speaking: using 'oral' language is a good way for kids to learn and try out new words – talking about what they see, feel, remember. Ask them questions that encourage them to tell you more detail.



5. Drawing with your children for fun. Your kids may like to tell stories about their drawings or draw pictures about your stories, or you can do it together.



6. Encouraging careful observation – looking closely at the many different pictures on a page, in a poster, in the community. Ask your children about what they see – things that are different, things that are the same etc.



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7. Running your finger under the words as you read – this helps kids to connect printed words to the spoken story and to learn that reading is from left to right and top to bottom.

A a

9. Helping your child look and find the first letter of their name in books and other writing. *e.g. A is Andrew and can be found in animal, car, Friday, plant etc.*

11. Talk, sing and move to music.



8. Asking your kids  questions about what is happening and what might happen in the story to encourage their creative thinking – there are no wrong answers.

10. Picture talks - encouraging your kids to retell stories in their own words, using only the pictures.

