

# Let's Practice Vocabulary at Home!

Working with your child to build a strong vocabulary is an important part of reading and writing success! Here are some fun activities you can try at home:

## Read and Talk

As you read with your child, be sure to point out interesting words and discuss their meanings. If there are interesting phrases, puns or figures of speech, help your child understand what the author is trying to say when they use these words. Try to transfer some of these words and phrases to your everyday conversations.

## View and Talk

Let's face it! We watch a lot of shows with our kids! Even the shows and movies meant for children throw in adult similes, metaphors and vocabulary. Why not pause the show and have a mini-discussion to help your child make deeper sense of what is going on?

## Add Some Variety

As you talk with your child, add some spice to the conversation! Throw in some words that are more exciting than ordinary language. For example, instead of asking your child to walk to the door, try using a "fancier" term like "scurry, hustle or dash". Kids love learning new words and then showing them off when speaking with others.