



## Ideas for new words

How can you help your child learn new words? Just talk to your child, in English or your home language, as you work and play.

Use new words and explain what they mean. Play word games.



**Teach new words throughout your day—eating, getting dressed, playing, and bathing.**

*“Ok, it’s time to **rinse** your hair now.”*

**Explain words so young children can understand.**

*“No, it won’t bite you. It’s a **grasshopper**. That’s a bug that hops and eats plants.”*

**When you go places, point out new words—at the library, the park, and the grocery store.**

*“Can you help me look for **aisle** #5? That’s where we’ll find the peanut butter.”*

**Talk about what’s happening or what you are doing.**

*“Do you hear the **crow**? It’s **cawing** so loudly this morning.”*

**Write labels for objects in the house.**

*“This is the sign that says **couch**. Can you show me where it goes?”*

**Read new words on topics that interest your child.**

*“Wow, look at **Jupiter**. It is the largest **planet**.”*

**Use similar but new words.**

*“Please get the forks and knives—the **silverware**—for the table.”*

**Use rhymes and riddles to play with words.**

*“I am thinking of something up in the sky that blocks the sun. You need a hint? It’s usually white. But sometimes it is gray. Yes, it’s a **cloud**!”*