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Optimizing Shared Book Reading

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Why is shared book reading important?

Children learn
language through
books

Sets the stage for
school success

Promotes
conversation
between adults
and children

Builds child's
imagination



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Children learn
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Sets the stage for
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Helps children develop vocabulary, acquire syntax and grammar, listening comprehension, inferential language, print concepts, phonological awareness, alphabet knowledge...



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How to Read with a Child



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- Repeat the book

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- Engage your children

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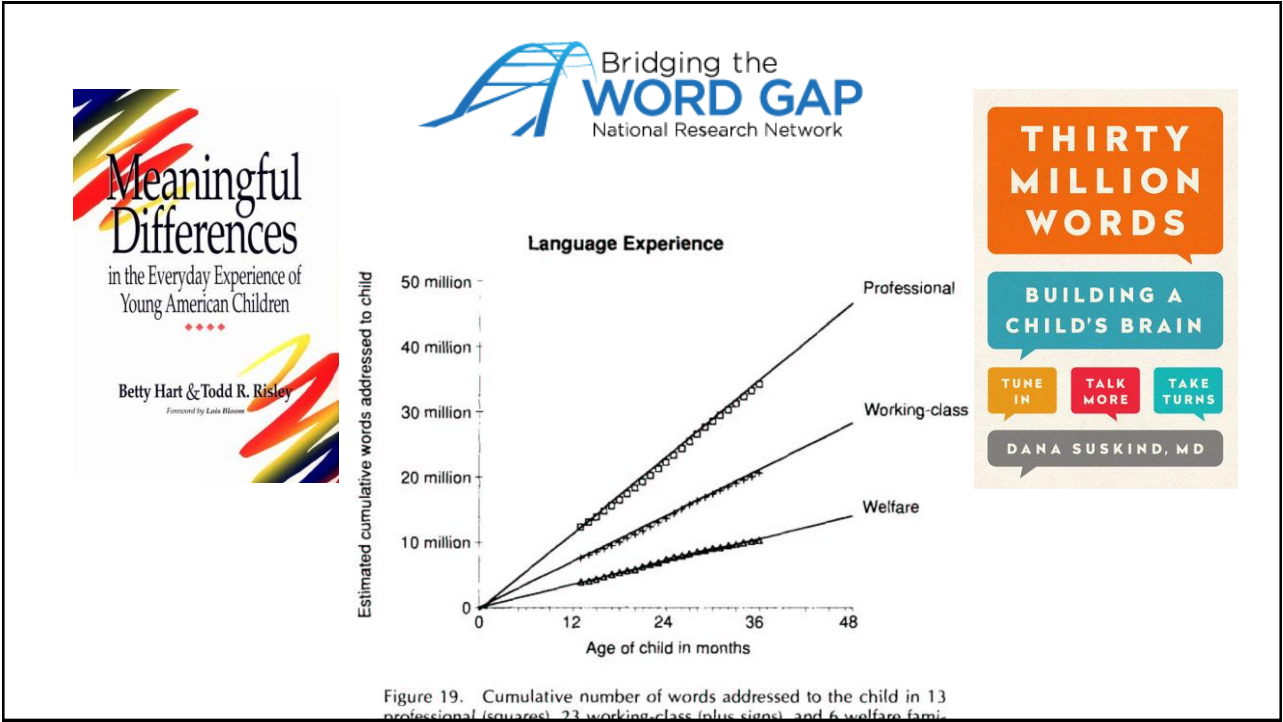
- Ask questions

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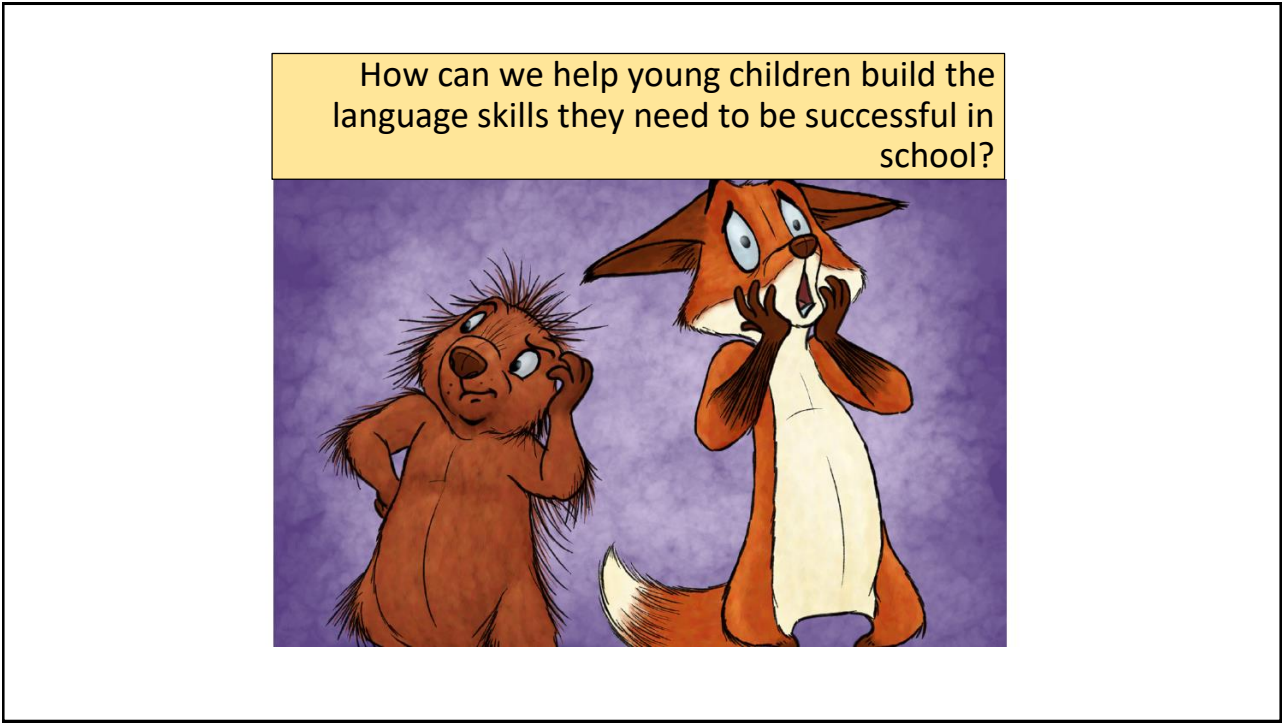
- Do more



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Use shared reading to teach vocabulary.

- ✓ Choose good words to teach.
- ✓ Teach words explicitly.



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Choose good words to teach.

1. New words



2. Useful words



3. Words you can teach well

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Choose good words to teach.

Good Choices

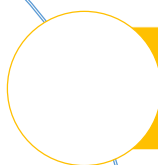
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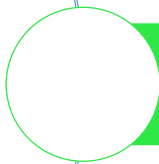
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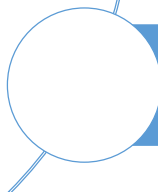
Teach words explicitly.



Teach with a simple definition.



Use meaningful examples and real-life contexts.



Opportunities to practice.

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Teach explicitly: “giggle”

“Listen to this word: giggle.”

Teach with a definition.

“Giggle means laugh.”

Give examples.

“In this story, Sara is giggling at her silly friend. She is laughing at him!”

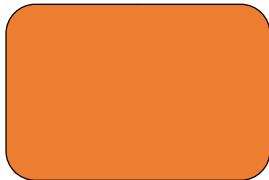
Make connections.

“Let’s think of things that make you giggle. What about if your mommy tickles you? Or if your friend makes a silly face? Those things would make you giggle.”

“Remember, giggle means laugh.”

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The Forest Friends were thrilled!
Bobby let out a mighty roar!
Fae Fox ran in circles
on the forest floor.

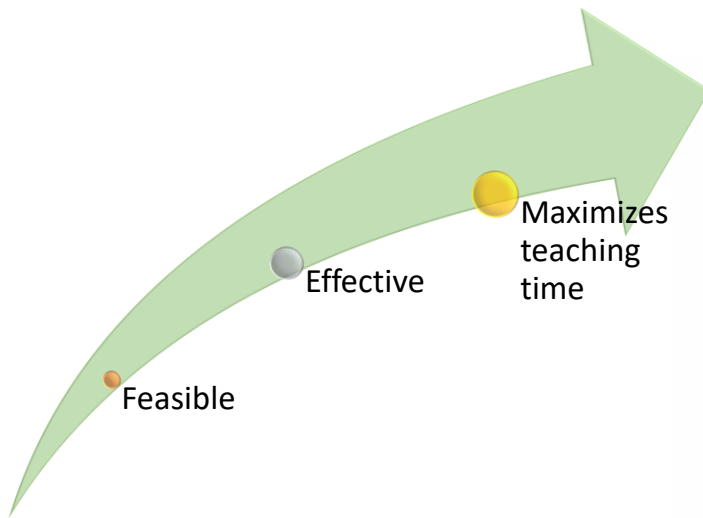


The Forest Friends are thrilled! They are excited to go to the carnival. Thrilled. Say thrilled. (2) Thrilled means excited. Tell me, what word means excited? (2) Thrilled! Good work! When are you thrilled? (2) What about... when you get a present! ...Or your friends come over to play! I bet that makes you feel excited. Now, lift the flap. Look! These boys are at a birthday party. They are excited. They are thrilled! Tell me, what does thrilled mean? (3) Excited! That’s right.

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Lessons Learned

The more words we teach the more children learn!



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Giveaway

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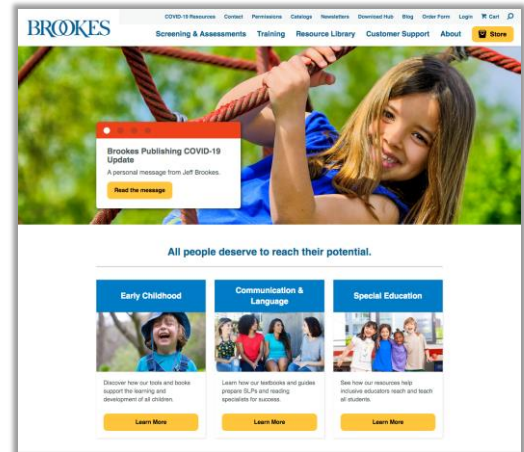


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