

5 ways to promote **oracy** at home

Read aloud to your children

Reading aloud to your child, well beyond the age they can read for themselves, combines the benefits of talking, listening and storytelling within one activity that helps children build their vocabulary, learn to express their thoughts, and understand the structure of language.



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Play word games

Games like 20 Questions, Guess Who? and I Spy are great for helping children use descriptive language and think critically about what they're saying.



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Talk about their day

Ask your child, 'What did you do today?' and they'll often claim they can't remember, so find different ways to talk about what they've been up to. Eating your evening meal as a family is a good way to encourage conversation, while older kids are often chattier in the car, where they feel less like they're being interrogated. You could also try our tips for asking the right questions to elicit information.



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Phone someone special

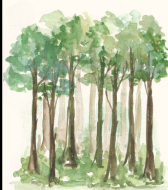
Give your child opportunities to chat with family members and friends, whether it's a quick phone call, video call or a conversation at home. Talking about their day, sharing news and asking questions helps children develop confidence, vocabulary and the skills needed to become effective communicators.



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Go on a nature walk

Encourage children to listen carefully to the sounds they hear – from traffic to birdsong – and describe them. They can also describe the natural sights they see, such as trees, animals and birds and the sky.



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