



Language Learning Tip for Home Expanding Vocabulary

If your child has difficulty learning new words, you can:

- Let your child experience new things. Go on trips to the zoo, museum, grocery store, and playground. This lets you talk about new things and ideas.
 - “Look, I see an animal that is black and white – it’s a zebra.”
- Introduce a “word of the day”. Use the new word many times throughout the day and during a variety of related activities.
 - Reading stories, making a craft, drawing pictures, baking, singing, games.
- Link new words to things and experiences your child already knows.
 - “The dinosaur is very big. It’s huge! Remember the huge dinosaurs in Drumheller? We also saw dinosaurs in the movie, ‘The Land Before Time’.”
- Help your child learn words that describe things, such as colours, sizes, shapes and textures. Use a guessing game such as “I Spy” to help your child learn these words.
 - **Adult:** “I spy with my little eye, something that is white, soft, has long fur and a cold nose.”
 - **Child:** “I know, I know! It’s Rufus the dog!”

