



Parent Suggestions for Communication Development

In Early Grades K–2

- Talk with your child a lot.
- Read different types of books. Read every day, and talk with your child about the story.
- Help your child learn sound patterns of words. You can play rhyming games and point out letters as you read.
- Have your child retell stories and talk about his day.
- Talk with your child about what you do during the day. Give her directions to follow.
- Talk about how things are the same and different.
- Give your child chances to write.

In Later Grades 3-5

- Keep your child reading. Find books and magazines that interest your child.
- Ask your child what he thinks about what he hears or reads. Connect what he reads to events in his life.
- Help your child connect what she reads and hears at school, home, and other events.
- Talk out loud as you help your child read about and solve problems.
- Help your child recognize spelling patterns. For example, point out the beginnings and endings of words, like "pre-" or "-ed."
- Get your child to write letters, keep a diary, and write stories.

Suggestions for Parents, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Website,
<https://www.asha.org/public/speech/development/suggestions/>