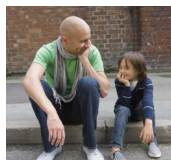


# Helping your child develop Literacy skills

“? punctuation  
! adjective  
Language  
noun verb

Essential to literacy skills is a well-developed use and understanding of language—talking to your child at every opportunity is important.

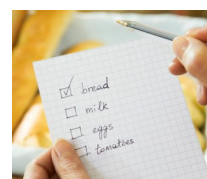


- ◆ Reading a book or talking about the pictures develops the beginnings of 'reading behaviours'.



- ◆ When your child starts to join in with the story start to ask them simple questions about the story—for example 'Where is the ball?'

- ◆ Talk to your child about what you are writing whether it's a list, a card, an email or text.



- ◆ Point out signs and tell them what the words say. This helps them to understand the link between language and print.



- ◆ Encourage your child to recognise words that are meaningful to them, such as their name or names of family members, pets, favourite shops, foods or characters—you can do this at the shops, on walks etc.



- ◆ Encourage them to 'mark make' in their play, by making lists or signs.



- ◆ Play simple sound games such as 'I spy' or rhyming games.

