

Abound Parenting News

Theme: Folktales & Fairy Tales (week1)



“Even a *simple* reading passage [is] like a game of Jenga, with every block in the tower a bit of background knowledge or vocabulary. Pull out a few and the tower stands. Pull out one too many and it collapses.”

Robert Pondiscio

Parents who use Abound on a daily basis are [building a child's background knowledge](#) and vocabulary, while having playful conversations about complex ideas, words, and books.

WordUp word of the week:

ASSIST

How was this word chosen? This is an academic word, the kind of word that takes lots of exposures to learn, and that children will need to know to read texts successfully in the years to come.



The Abound app gives your child 7 opportunities to hear and use the week's abstract word. For extra practice, here are 2 more questions about this week's word, **ASSIST**.

(**ASSIST** definition: to help, especially doing part of a big job with someone else; the final pass before a player scores a goal or makes a point.)

- Would you rather do a big job alone or **ASSIST** someone who is doing a big job? Why?
- After school, a high school student decided to steal a bag of candy from a store. He asked his friend to **ASSIST** him by making sure no store workers were watching. When they got caught, do you think the friend got in trouble too? Why or why not?

This week's featured *TalkOn* question to inspire more TALK at home:

- Think of two fairy tales. Now decide which one seems more magical to you and which one is more like something that could happen in real life.

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