

Abound Parenting News

Theme: *One Small World* (week 1)

“Children familiar with the topic of a text will comprehend it more fully, including making more inferences (Oakhill, Cain & Elbro, 2015).”



Building children's knowledge matters to reading success.

“Any child who lacks familiarity with the topic of a text will struggle to comprehend it fully.”

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Abound WordUp word of the week: **UNITE**

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 3 more questions about this week's word, **UNITE**.

(**UNITE** definition: *to bring things or people together. To come together about an important cause.*

1. If there were a really big snowstorm and the plows didn't get a chance to remove the snow from our street, do you think we could get the neighborhood to **UNITE** and remove the snow? How?
2. Countries often **UNITE** to help a countries that has had an earthquake or a bad storm that caused a lot of damage. How do you think countries **UNITING** helps? Why wouldn't every country just do what it wants to do to help, on its own?
3. If the school could afford to pay for one improvement or new piece of equipment on the playground, do you think the students could **UNITE** on what to do, or do you think students would have such different opinions that they could never **UNITE** about a playground improvement?

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

- In the U.S., the English word lift means to pick up something, or move something up higher; for example, lifting a package off the ground. In England, elevators are called lifts. Why is lift a good word for elevators?

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