

# About Parenting News

## Theme: *Dazzling Duos* (week 2)

See if you and your child can come up with a partner for each of these duos:

Peanut butter & \_\_\_\_\_; Frog & \_\_\_\_\_; Snoopy & \_\_\_\_\_; Cookies & \_\_\_\_\_;  
Thunder & \_\_\_\_\_; Cake & \_\_\_\_\_; Ernie & \_\_\_\_\_; Salt & \_\_\_\_\_; Lewis & \_\_\_\_\_;  
Serena & \_\_\_\_\_; C-3PO & \_\_\_\_\_; Bacon & \_\_\_\_\_; Woody & \_\_\_\_\_; Paper & \_\_\_\_\_

### About WordUp word of the week:

## USUAL

**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.

Using the Abound app's daily *WordUp* feature gives your child 7 opportunities to hear and use the week's abstract word, but more practice is even better!

Here are 3 more questions to ask about this week's word, **USUAL**

(**USUAL** definition: *what you do most of the time, what you eat regularly*):

- If you **USUALLY** walk to school, would you be excited to take the bus for a change? If you **USUALLY** take the bus to school, would you be excited to walk for a change? Why is it good to change up our **USUAL** routines sometimes?
- In the movies, a character might walk into a breakfast place and say, "The **USUAL**, please," to the waitress. That means the character wants what he **USUALLY** gets when he comes in there. How often do you think you have to go to a restaurant to be able to say, "The **USUAL**, please," and have the waitress know what you want??
- My **USUAL** morning routine is to brush my teeth then take a shower, but I'm trying to make exercise part of my **USUAL** routine now, and so my routine is feeling **UNUSUAL**! Do you like making exercise part of your **USUAL** routine during the day?

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

- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Joseph Haydn were famous composers and very good friends, even though Mozart was 24 years younger than Haydn. Does age matter when it comes to friendships? Why or why not?

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