

About Parenting News

Theme: *In Tune* (week 1)

Brighten up the
winter as you ...



...talk about
music together!

About WordUp word of the week: **FOCUS**

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, **FOCUS**

(**FOCUS** definition: TO **FOCUS** is to give all your attention to something; IN **FOCUS** is when you can see clearly and things aren't blurry, THE **FOCUS** is the thing you are studying or talking about):

- If your music teacher said that the **FOCUS** for next week was going to be learning about and singing songs from Disney movies or popular songs from the radio, which would you choose as the **FOCUS**?
- Years ago, when television pictures looked blurry or **out of FOCUS**, someone watching had to get up and move around the antennae on top of the TV until the picture was **in FOCUS**. Have you ever seen any picture that looked **out of FOCUS**?
- Do you sit down and **FOCUS** on learning the words to a popular song by playing it over and over again or reading the words as it is played, or do you gradually learn the words to songs because you heard the song played on the radio a few times? How are those two ways of learning a song's words different?

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

- Which two things from your kitchen would make the best sound if you hit one against the other? Which two things hit together would make the worst sound?

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