

## Abound Parenting News – 5/23/22

### Daily quick conversations about ideas and words are easy – and such TALK helps children become advanced readers

Critical reading comprehension is key to making school easier for kids, and the skills they need have to accumulate over time. How?

**“The best place to acquire [critical reading comprehension] skills is in oral discussion...oral interactions...”**

From an interview with Dr. Catherine Snow, a professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and an expert on language and literacy development, in an article by [Robert S. Murphy](#) (July 2021) *Mind, Brain, Ed Think Tanks*.

- **This week’s academic vocabulary word is INVOLVE.** Here are 3 ways to give your child extra opportunities to hear and use the word **INVOLVE**:
  - *If I make cookies today, would you want to be **INVOLVED**, or would you rather just eat them after I make them??*
  - *If you had a whole afternoon to wait before going somewhere special, and you wanted to get **INVOLVED** in something to make the time go by, would you get **INVOLVED** in a big puzzle, or would you rather get **INVOLVED** in a big board game?*
  - *Do you like board games that are really **INVOLVED** with lots of pieces and rules, or do you prefer simple games?*
    - ◆ *Remind your child that the word **INVOLVE** means to be part of something, or to give something or someone all your attention. **INVOLVE** can also mean something very complicated.*
- **How else can you build your child’s reading skills through TALK?**

Try these questions taken from different TalkOn age groups this week:

- *I love to play with my friend, and I never want our games to \_\_\_\_\_. Can we think of a word that rhymes with *friend* to finish this sentence? (end) What if games never ended??*
- *For hundreds of years, people have given rattles to babies to play with. Why do you think babies like rattles?*
- *Dogs and cats have toys they play with. Do you think animals in the woods have toys? Why do you think so?*

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