

Abound Parenting News

Build reading skills while connecting with your child: Use Abound to talk back-and-forth about ideas, words & books.

"Oral language skills are the best preparation for literacy achievement, in both first and second language learners."

(Dixon, Zhao, Shin, Wu, Su, BurgessBrigham, Gezer, & Snow, 2012).

- **This week's academic vocabulary word is APPROPRIATE.** Here are 3 ways to give your child extra opportunities to hear and use the word **APPROPRIATE**:
 - *On a quiet Sunday morning, do you think it's **APPROPRIATE** for people to use loud lawnmowers or for workers to cut down trees? When is it **APPROPRIATE** to use loud machines near where people live, and when isn't it **APPROPRIATE**?*
 - *Sometimes when you are invited someplace, it's hard to know what's **APPROPRIATE** to wear. How do you know what's **APPROPRIATE** to wear to a party or a school event?*
 - *It's **INAPPROPRIATE** to burp loudly at a dinner table on purpose, but if you burp at the table by accident, what should you do? What else is **INAPPROPRIATE** to do during a meal with a group of people? Does it matter who the people are that you're sitting with? How are people supposed to know what's **APPROPRIATE** and what's **INAPPROPRIATE**?*
 - ◆ *Remind your child that the word **APPROPRIATE** means the right thing to do in a certain situation. If something is **INAPPROPRIATE**, that means that it is not **APPROPRIATE**. The prefix **IN** means **not** or **the opposite of** the word that follows.*
- **How else can you build your child's reading skills through TALK?**
Try these questions taken from different TalkOn age groups this week:
 - Etch-A-Sketch is a toy that first sold about 70 years ago. Say etch and sketch slowly. What sound is at the end of each word? (/ch/) How many other words that have the /ch/ sound can we think of in 60 seconds?
 - What makes certain toys tub toys, toys used in the bathtub? Do you ever play with tub toys anywhere else? Can you bring regular toys into the bath? Why
 - Which toy that you have (or know about) is a toy that you think an adult would like to play with? Do you think that's something you'll want to play with when you're all grown up? Why?
 - How do you think they decide what kinds of toys to put in the waiting room at a doctor's office? What needs to be considered before choosing those toys?

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