

Abound Parenting News

Theme: *Pets & More!* (week 1)

92% of families **think** their children are reading at grade level or above, but only 34% of U.S. children read *proficiently* & only 9% are *advanced* readers.

Don't be in the dark.

Being aware helps your child *and* your child's teachers.



Take the Abound Check-In today and get a sense of how your child is doing.

You'll see which skills your child should be working on so you can playfully support skill building at home – and have productive conversations with your child's committed teachers, too!

This week's WordUp word is IDENTIFY. Here are *more* ways to give your child opportunities to hear and use this abstract word.

- *If you heard different animals make noises, do you think you could **IDENTIFY** the type of animal that makes each noise?*
- *If cat owners saw pictures of their cats with 4 other cats that are the same color, do you think they could **IDENTIFY** which cat was theirs? What other things might they look at to **IDENTIFY** their cats?*
- *To get onto a plane, travelers need to show **IDENTIFICATION**. What do you think they show the flight agents to **IDENTIFY** themselves?*
 - *Remind your child that **IDENTIFY** means to determine or figure out who someone/something is (e.g., by seeing evidence, or by looking, smelling, feeling).*

How else can you build your child's reading skills through TALK?

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

- *People sweat to cool their bodies down, but dogs pant. To pant is to breathe hard and quickly. Can you pant like a dog does? What word do you know that sounds like pant but has a very different meaning? (pants!)*
- *If you were an animal, would you rather have fur or feathers? Why?*
- *Some people put their dogs in family pictures. Why don't people with goldfish or hamsters put those pets in family photos? Do you think fish or hamsters feel excluded (left out)?*
- *"Pet-friendly" hotels allow guests to bring pets. Do you think hotels that are "pet friendly" have more customers than non pet-friendly hotels? Do you think you'd have more fun on your vacation if you had a pet with you, or if you left it behind? Why?*

The Abound app is being provided free for you to use at home.

To get access, you have to start at <https://partners.aboundparenting.com/>. Use the code you received from your child's teacher or afterschool staff member & follow instructions to download the app on any iOS or Android device.

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