

## Abound Parenting News

### Theme: *Pets & More!* (week 2)

**Families that used Abound helped their children learn these high-impact words since school began:**

**community, assume, select, available, structure, priority, adjust, flexible, restrict, maintain, demonstrate, substitute, identify, alternative**

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**This week's WordUp word is ALTERNATIVE.** Here are 2 *more* ways to give your child opportunities to hear and use this abstract word.

- *If your dog started growling at other dogs when playing at the dog park, you might say to it, "You leave me no alternative but to put you back on your leash!" In that situation, is there an alternative, a different choice for the dog?*
- *If you owned a food truck and had enough space to offer two hot-drink alternatives, would you choose hot chocolate and coffee, or coffee and tea?*
  - *Remind your child that **ALTERNATIVE** means choice or option.*

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

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

- *Even adults mix up **its** and **it's**! **It's** with an apostrophe, always means **it is**. Which of those two words goes in these blanks? The cat ate \_\_\_\_\_ dinner, but \_\_\_\_\_ looking for more. (its, it's)*
- *If people ate the way cats and dogs did, how would restaurants have to be set up? What would restaurants sound like during a busy dinnertime?*
- *If you had an older dog and then you brought a new puppy home, how do you think that older dog might feel? What do you think the older dog would like, or not like, about having a puppy around?*
- *If you had planted beautiful flowers and a deer ate them, would you be mad at the deer? Should you be?*

**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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