



Early Learning Success Through Talk and Play

Words are everywhere!



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Who are we?

Buzzword Pittsburgh was created to excite children and their families as they discover the words that are all around them. Through talk and play about math, science, and art, young children will expand their vocabularies and conversation skills. The program engages families and community organizations in Pittsburgh's Homewood neighborhood and the greater community.



flower nature square vibrant sculpture inside

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pattern liquid big garden pair animal

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Research says...

Talk with your child every single day and you will build their vocabulary skills while sparking curiosity about the world around them.

Research Says:

From birth to five, young children's brains are more open to learning and becoming inspired.

Talking with a child helps increase early literacy development and communication skills necessary throughout life.

Early literacy skills develop in real life settings through positive interactions with learning materials and other people.

Talk about EVERYTHING!

By engaging in conversation with a child every single day, you can build their early literacy and language skills while sparking curiosity about the world around them.



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Get busy

FINDING WORDS

& using them to talk with your child

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How Does it Work?

Buzzwords: Each month, four key words and their definitions are featured. Use the math, science, and art related words anytime and anywhere you can. Say the words with your child, repeat them as often as you can, and then explain the meanings to your child.

Talking Tips & Activities: Every month, you'll find an activity that will help you talk to your child about these vocabulary-building words in everyday routines. By asking questions, reading a book, or singing and dancing, you will help to make the words come to life for your child.

Buzzy Stickers: Use the stickers to indicate that you and your child have talked about the key words.

Buzzword Programs: As your child's world of words expands, visit buzzwordpgh.org to explore the many ways Buzzword can support you and your family.



Vocabulary Words

More
A greater amount

Near
Close by

Numerous
Many, or a lot of something

Octagon
A shape with eight sides and eight angles

Open
Something that is unfolded or unlocked

Opposite
Two things that are as different as possible, such as being big and being little

Outside
Where you are when you're not inside

Oval
A squished circle that has no sides or angles

Over
Above

Pair
Two objects that are similar and used together, like shoes or mittens

Pattern
Something that repeats or appears in the same order again and again

Pentagon
A shape with five sides and five angles

Rectangle
A shape that has two long sides and two short sides

Rhombus
A diamond shape with four angles and four sides that are all the same length

Right side up
With the top facing up

Shape
The form of something

Short
The ends are closer together

Size
How big or small something is

Slow
Moving at a low speed

Small
Tiny

Sphere
A solid round shape, like a ball

Square
A shape with four sides that are the same length

Symmetrical
When one side of something is the same as the other side

Top
The highest part

Under
Below

Upside down
With the top part facing down

Weight
How heavy an object is

Width
The distance from side to side of an object

Vocabulary Words

A graphic with an orange background. The word "Science" is written in large, light-colored letters across the top. Below it, various vocabulary words are listed in a grid-like fashion, each with a bold title and a brief definition.

Magnify
To make something look larger

Mango
A fruit

Metamorphosis
When something goes through a really big change, like when a caterpillar changes into a butterfly

Moss
A soft plant that grows on rocks or on wet and shaded areas

Nature
Plants, animals, and other things outside that are not made by people

Observe
To look closely at something to learn more

Prickly
When something has sharp points on it that can stick you

Senses
You have five senses—sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch—by which you experience the world around you

Shadow
A dark shape that is created when a light shines on something

Shaggy
All covered in fur

Sleeting
When frozen rain falls

Soggy
Something that is very wet

Spiderweb
A net of silky thread that a spider makes to rest in and catch things to eat

Sturdy
When something is strong and will not fall apart

Succulent
Juicy

Tadpole
A small animal with a round body and long tail that lives in water and becomes a frog or toad

Vehicle
Something that can bring people or things from one place to another

Windy
When the air is blowing really fast

Vocabulary Words



Musician
A person who writes, sings, or plays music

Opaque
Something that does not let light through, so you cannot see through it

Orchestra
A large group of musicians playing different kinds of musical instruments together

Painting
A picture made by using paint

Palette
A flat board where artists put the paint they're going to use

Percussion
A percussion instrument is one that you hit—usually with your hand or a stick—or sometimes shake

Pirouette
To spin around or rotate on one foot or on the points of the toes, as in ballet dancing

Portrait
A drawing or painting of an actual person

Rhythm
A beat that happens in a pattern

Sculpture
A piece of art that is made by shaping or carving something, or by putting things together. It can be made of clay, wood, stone, metal, or many other materials

Shiny
Smooth, bright, and reflective

Splatter
To splash something in large drops

Texture
The way something feels when you touch it

Theater
A place you can go to see a play or a movie or another kind of show

Transparent
Something that is clear so you can see through it, like glass

Tune
A group of musical notes that make a nice sound

Turquoise
A greenish-blue color

Unique
One of a kind

Vibrant
Colors that are bright and really stand out

Xylophone
A musical instrument that has wooden bars. The bars make different sounds when hit with wooden hammers



Art created by
Lana
Age: 10
Garden

April 2015

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● Discover the vocabulary of the kitchen and bake a batch of cookies with your child. As you prepare the ingredients and follow the recipe, read the words aloud and ask your child to repeat them back to you as you go.



Garden

A place where plants, flowers, fruits, and vegetables are grown



Shape

The form of something



Insect

A small bug that has six legs, two antennae on its head, and may have wings



Ingredient

One of the items that make up a recipe



Art created by
Ms. Vanessa & Angel
Age: 4
Nature

May 2015

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● Nature can be an inspiration to you and your child. Take a walk in your neighborhood or a favorite park and talk about what you both see around you.



Nature

Plants, animals, and other things outside that are not made by people



Inspiration

Something that gives you an idea or makes you excited to create



Metamorphosis

When something goes through a really big change, like when a caterpillar changes into a butterfly



Fast

Moving quickly



new, different way!

WEIGHT







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1:30 pm
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