



WHAT CAN YOU DO AT HOME?



How to help your child learn new words?

When we learn new words we store what we know about the words in our brains. This is a bit like having a filing cabinet where we store the information. It works better when the information is well organised.

We know that knowing this information about the words helps us:

Where do you find it?	What does it look like?	What does it sound like? What is the first and last sound of the word? a t k How many syllables does it have? di - no - saur
What group does it belong to?	What would you do with it? What does it do?	

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Here are some examples...



Bus

- You find it on the road or in the depot
- Its big, with 4 wheels, lots of windows, a windscreen, and sometimes has two storeys
- The word starts with the sound B, it has one syllable (clap)
- You go on it to take you somewhere, like school for instance
- Its a vehicle



Spatula

- You find it in the kitchen
- It's flat at one end, it has a handle on the other end, it can be made of plastic or wood
- The word starts with the sound SP, it has 3 syllables (3 claps)
- You can use it to flip pancakes or omelettes
- Its a kitchen utensil



Lizard

- You find it in the desert, it can also live in holes in stone walls in countries where it is very hot. You may see some in a zoo.
- It has scales, 4 legs and a long tail.it can be green, brown, grey. Some types of lizard can change colour.
- The word starts with the sound L, it has 2 syllables (2 claps).
- It sleeps in the sun, crawls on its legs. It can stretch its tongue out to catch flies to eat them.
- It's a reptile. Some people keep some types of lizards as pets.

You can 'teach' new words when you are doing school work. But you can also play games like Headbands or Pictionary which are great and help to think about the words using the information you need to remember them.



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