



Expose Children to Rare and Unusual Vocabulary

When you expose children to more advanced vocabulary in your day-to-day conversations, you prepare them to learn subjects like science, history and geography. Here are some fun ways to include unusual words throughout your day:

Play Time

Introduce an advanced word while singing or listening to music. If the child says, "Let's dance!", you could say, "Let's dance fast because this song has a fast **tempo**! **Tempo** is how fast or slow the music goes." Offer choices using the new word - e.g., "Should we sing the next part with a **slow tempo** or a **fast tempo**?"



Daily Activities

Give the child a spoon to mix hot chocolate or another kind of powder into a liquid. If they say, "I'm mixing!" you could say, "Yes, you're mixing to **dissolve** the chocolate powder! **Dissolve** means something breaks into tiny pieces that are so small, we can't see them. The powder **dissolved**, so we can't see it anymore!"

On the Go

If the child notices themselves in a window while walking outside, introduce the word **reflection**. You could say, "That's your **reflection** in the window. Your **reflection** is the picture of you in the window that the light makes." Repeat **reflection** again later - e.g., if the child sees themselves in the bathroom mirror.



Book Reading

When looking at animal books, use one of these rare words: **herbivore** (plant eater), **carnivore** (meat eater) or **omnivore** (plant and meat eater). If the child says, "That cow is eating," you could say, "Yes, that cow is eating grass. Cows are **herbivores**. **Herbivores** only eat plants, like grass. **Herbivores** don't eat meat."

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