

Vocabulary and Your Child

Did you know, when your child has a large vocabulary before entering school, it is directly related to school success? It's true! Here are some simple ways to increase your child's vocabulary development:

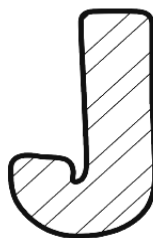
- Sing nursery rhymes to your child.
- Talk to your child about all the activities you have planned when you are getting ready for the day.
- When you see something new or interesting, stop and discuss it with your child. *"Look at this bug. It is a ladybug. It is red with black polka-dots. It can fly."*
- Use stronger words with weaker (baby) ones. Example: *"This is a huge —big—red ball."* By using the stronger word "huge" with the weaker word "big," your child will learn they mean the same thing. Anytime you can use a stronger word, do it! You will eventually hear your child use those stronger words, too!
- For older children, play the Question Game. Choose a topic and have your child ask you questions to try and guess what the topic is. Then let them think of something and you ask questions to try to guess. Example: Topic—eagle Questions: "Is it an animal? Does it fly?"



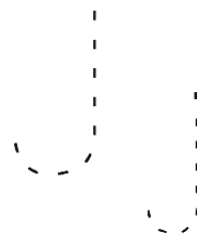
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To learn more visit: <https://www.muscogee-moms.com/covid-19-helpful-links/>

Color the letter.



Trace the letter.



Circle the items that start with the letter



Find and circle the letter

y d e f J y g b e q J
J i h h n v c J x d l
c J t J s J m j o p J

Stanley's Store

Author/Illustrator: William Bee
Peachtree Publishers



R Repeat the Book: Repeating gives more chances to learn the vocabulary.

First Read (events): Look at the cover, read the title and say, “Stanley runs a grocery store like where we shop (give the name of the local store you use.) Let’s read and see if you can find things in Stanley’s store that we have at our store.” Talk about the things you see in the pictures that are at your local store. Discuss the different jobs people have in the store. After reading, ask the first read question in the “Ask Questions” section.

Second Read (emotions): Look at the cover and say, “Remember our story about Stanley’s Store? I wonder if we can find different colors and shapes in his store? Let’s read and find out.” As you read, point to the different colors and shapes throughout the store. Ask your child to locate a specific color or shape on a page. After reading, ask the second read question.

Third Read (retell): Look at the cover and say, “It is your turn to tell me your favorite part of Stanley’s Store.” Hand the book to your child and let them tell you about what is happening in the book. After reading, ask the third read question.

Vocabulary

Use these words when you talk with your child this month.

busy - lots of activities going on at one time

deliver - bring items purchased to people

height - how tall something is

cash register - machine that holds money at a store

E Engage and Enjoy: Using these activities keeps your child’s interest in the story.

Remember to tell your child the meaning of words which you think they may not know or understand. A few suggested words are included in the vocabulary section. While talking about what is happening in the store, use some interesting words not in the story. For example, use “mishap” when describing Charlie hitting the fruit and vegetable display.

A Ask Questions: After talking about the book, ask questions to promote deeper thinking.

After the first read, ask, “Why does Charlie knock down the display of fruits and vegetables?”

After the second read, ask, “How does Myrtle get all of her cheese home?”

After the third read, ask, “How did Shamus get so many sweets in her basket?”

D Do More: Use other activities to help your child connect vocabulary to their world outside of the story.

On the next page, there are some additional activities which you can do with your child.

Things to Do

This month's book is about a grocery store. Below are some activities you can do with your child the next time you go to your local grocery store together.

A trip to the store can provide an opportunity to explore objects not found in the home. Involve your toddler in decision making. Offer your toddler choices as you shop. "Should we get a red or yellow apple?"



Fruits, vegetables and the many nutritious foods displayed at the grocery store are a great opportunity for your child to expand her vocabulary with naming games. Name items as they go into the cart and encourage your child to repeat their names.

When you get home and are putting away your groceries, talk about the items you purchased. Help your child describe each item - hard, soft, rough, smooth, red, green, etc. How many different words can you and your child use to describe the item?

Visit your local library for these books:



Ferst Readers has adopted and adapted the READ guide format courtesy of:



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R.E.A.D.
video here

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Read Right

From the Start

Read with your child every day

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We understand how difficult it must be to discover a completely new routine when it comes to your child's education.

We are here to help! Below are some online resources we have researched for parents to utilize this upcoming school year.

Homework help/online tutor:

- Brainfuse - The Chattahoochee Valley Library offers access to online help for your child's homework and interactive tutor opportunities. Visit: <https://www.cvlga.org/homework-help/brainfuse-live-homework-help/>
- Brainjogging - Want your child to receive the best possible academic experience?

Brainjogging offers a remote learning program with reliable virtual teachers who can help your child get the most out of their education. Visit:

<http://www.brainjogging.com/remote-learning>

Fun learning options:

- ABCya - Who says learning can't be fun? This is a great resource for kids to get excited about educational games and puzzles! Visit: <https://www.abcya.com/>

For more family resources you can also visit: <https://www.muscogeeemoms.com/online-educational-resources-for-students/>

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