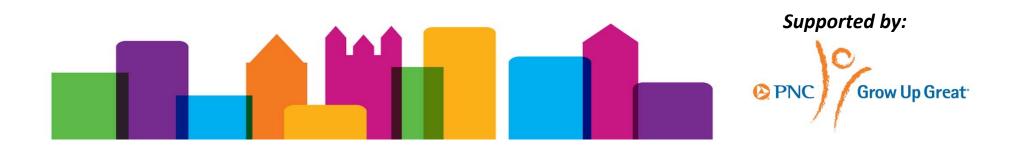


# Early Learning Success Through Talk and Play

Words are everywhere!



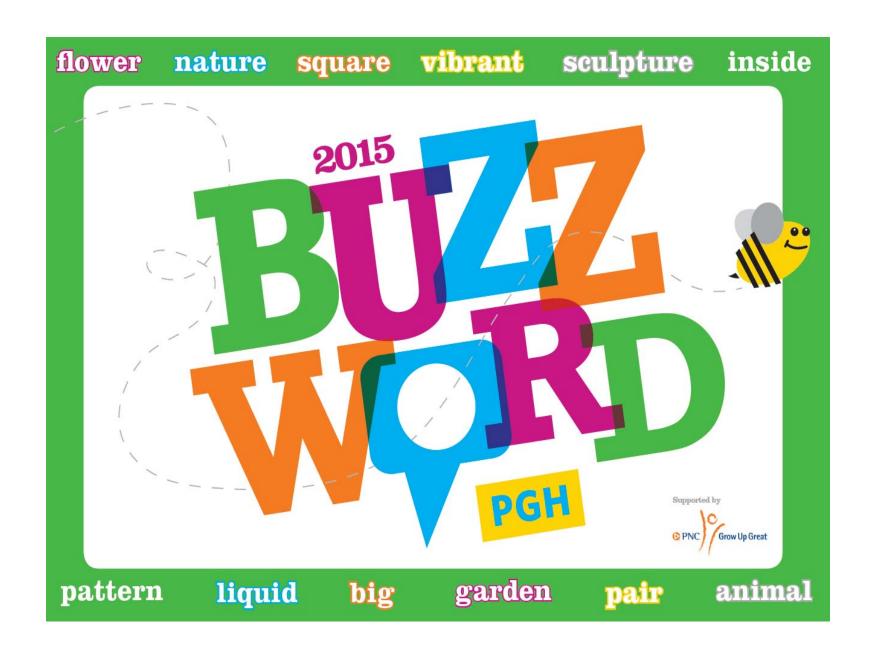
# Who are we?

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.









# 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 and communication skills necessary throughout life.

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

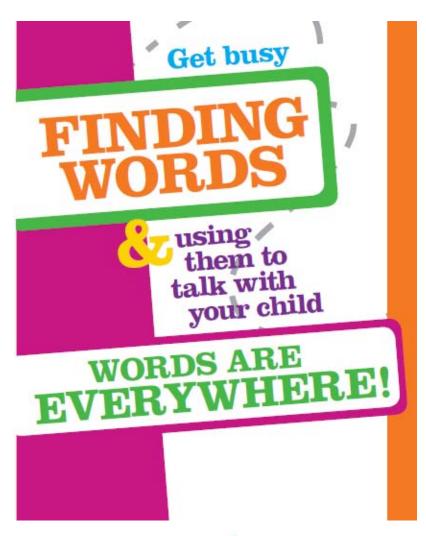
#### Talk about EVERYTHING!

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.















# **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

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

Shape

The form of something

Short

The ends are closer together

Size

How big or small something is

Slow

oving at a low speed

Small

iny

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**

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



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## 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 a liesd, and may have wings





Ingredient
One of the Items that make up a recipe



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