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.
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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.

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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.
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.

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## Vocabulary Words

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<td><strong>Near</strong></td>
<td>Close by</td>
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<td><strong>Numerous</strong></td>
<td>Many, or a lot of something</td>
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<td><strong>Octagon</strong></td>
<td>A shape with eight sides and eight angles</td>
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<td>Something that is unfolded or unlocked</td>
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<td>Two things that are as different as possible, such as being big and being little</td>
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<td>Where you are when you're not inside</td>
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<td>A squished circle that has no sides or angles</td>
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<td>Above</td>
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<td>Two objects that are similar and used together, like shoes or markers</td>
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<td>Something that repeats or appears in the same order again and again</td>
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<td>A diamond shape with four angles and four sides that are all the same length</td>
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<td>With the top facing up</td>
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<td>The ends are closer together</td>
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<td>Tiny</td>
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<td>A solid round shape, like a ball</td>
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<td>When one side of something is the same as the other side</td>
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<td>The highest part</td>
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<td><strong>Under</strong></td>
<td>Below</td>
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<td><strong>Width</strong></td>
<td>The distance from side to side of an object</td>
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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 light shines on something

Soggy
Something that is very wet

Sleeting
When frozen rain falls

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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