

Support your child's language development

All children are different. Children who speak multiple languages are, among other things, different with regards to how developed their language is. As parents you have an important role in supporting your child's language development. Together with the nursery, day care institution, school, after-school center and other adults in your child's life you help your child develop its language skills. This gives your child the best chances for performing well at school.

You can support your child's language in many ways. We give some suggestions in the points below. They are intended as inspiration and all have the goal of helping your child develop its language and thereby creating the best foundations for your child's success in school. You can:

- Talk to your child about language, for example what things are called in the family's language – and in other languages, you know. Do the words resemble each other? Do they mean exactly the same thing?
- Talk with your child about what you see on TV, in the newspapers, magazines and comics. For example, you can teach your child new words that you've seen or heard on television by explaining the new words with words, the child already knows.
- Play with language as much as you can – when you speak together at home, while grocery shopping, in the car, on the street and in nature. You can make rhymes, poems, funny words and riddles. You can play guessing or alphabet games. For example, what around you starts with the letter "A"?
- Read books, tell fairy tales, and sing songs. It's a good idea to find fairy tales and songs in your native language, which your child also knows in Danish from school.
- Draw or write together with your child.
- Ask your child what it has experienced at school, at the after-school center, with friends
- Tell your child, what you've experienced during the day
- Continue talking with your child and be curious about its time at school and after school, also when the child is older.

- Watch the film “Welcome to the Danish Folkeskole”, which has been translated to five languages: www.uvm.dk/velkommen