

Everyday tips for building your child's vocabulary



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Building your child's vocabulary is an important part of developing their reading skills. [HomeReadingHelper.org](https://www.homerreadinghelper.org) has lots of tips on ways to incorporate this into your everyday life, including:

Read every day: Reading aloud to your child and having your child read books on their own is the best way to grow their vocabulary, as books provide words they won't encounter in everyday conversations.

Use rich language: Parents often simplify how they speak, hoping it will help their child more easily understand what they mean. Instead, try using rich language, with interesting phrases and bold, descriptive words. For example, instead of, "Can you give me that?" Try: "Could you hand me the plaid dish towel? The one with fringe on the end."

Visit [HomeReadingHelper.org](https://www.homerreadinghelper.org) for more tips on building vocabulary, and other reading skills!

Library hosting free literary festival for families



Mark your calendar for the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library's EpicFest, a free literary festival for families.

The event, which is in its sixth year, will be held Saturday, Nov. 5 at ImaginOn in uptown Charlotte. It features children's and young adult authors and illustrators, as well as a family storytime and live music.

[Click here](#) to see the full schedule.

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