



Expose Children to Rare and Unusual Vocabulary

A great way to enhance children's future understanding of subjects like science, history, geography and math is to highlight more advanced, rare vocabulary. Here are some fun ways to include unusual words throughout your day:

Play Time

As you play with toy animals with a child, introduce a more sophisticated action word by demonstrating it using the toy. For example, instead of moving your toy horse and saying, "My horse is walking", you could say, "Look, my horse is **trotting**." By showing the child what the word means, you help them understand its meaning.



Daily Activities

Do stretching exercises together, introducing new words like **biceps** and **quadriceps**. Point to your muscles as you name them. Explain that these are important muscles that allow us to use our bodies for different actions. Ask the child to think of what actions **biceps** or **quadriceps** might help us do.

On the Go

Reflect a child's comment back to them, using more sophisticated vocabulary. For example, if the child mentions that "Chocolate cake is so yummy", respond with "You're right! Chocolate cake is so **delicious**."

Book Reading

Introduce the idea of **synonyms** – different words that mean the same thing. Have the child pick a word they already know from a familiar story and brainstorm a synonym together. For example, 'fearful' is a word that means the same as 'scared.' Practice using it in a sentence or even replacing the original word in the story with the new synonym as you read.



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