



Help your child learn English

Activities you can try at home to help your
child when they are learning English



Activities are focused on our exams
for young learners – Pre A1 Starters,
A1 Movers and A2 Flyers

Activities to enjoy at home

Many children remember language more easily when they learn through creative activities. Here are some ideas you can try at home to help your child take their first steps to learning English. These activities are focused on our first three exams for young learners – Pre A1 Starters, A1 Movers and A2 Flyers.

Reading

- Encourage your child to read English-language books with interesting pictures and topics.
- Cut up a short story into different pieces. Ask your child to put it back together again in the right order. Then read the story aloud together.

Writing

- Encourage your child to draw pictures and posters. Ask them to add written labels and descriptions.
- Choose some words your child knows. Write the words and make some mistakes. Ask your child to pretend to be the teacher and correct your spellings.
- Help your child find a picture that interests them. Ask them to write a 20–30-word story about it.

Listening

- Watch English-language TV shows. Turn off the volume. Guess what the people are saying. Then listen – were you right?
- Play guessing games such as I spy something that starts with the letter ...

Speaking

- Find simple cartoon strips. Ask your child to look at the pictures and tell a story.
- Ask your child to tell you some of the things they see on car journeys. That car's red! I can see three buses! Accept mistakes. The important thing is for your child to say English words without worrying.

Vocabulary and grammar

- Use the Pre A1 Starters, A1 Movers and A2 Flyers wordlists to play Pictionary. Each player must draw something, without writing any words or speaking. The other players must guess what they are drawing.
- Give your child a list of things to find. For example, a tree, a bird, something 'yellow', something 'old'. You could play this on a walk, on a rainy day with household objects or during a long car trip.

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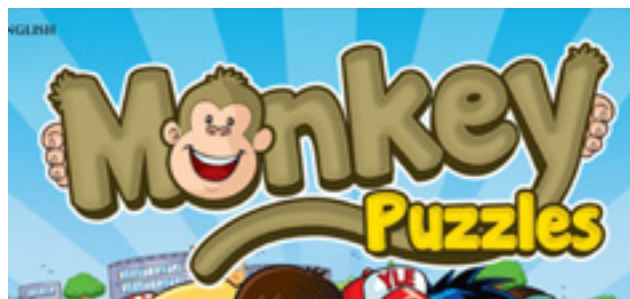
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