



SpeechWise

How to Support Your Child's Understanding at Home



Understanding language is the key to learning!

When children understand language, they can learn, talk, read, and grow with confidence. It's the foundation for everything they do at school and beyond.

Top Tips to Support Your Child's Understanding

1. **Talk Together Every Day**

Chat about your day, routines, or things around you. Use clear language and ask questions like "What do you think?" or "Why did that happen?"

2. **Read Little and Often**

Read books, signs, menus - anything! Pause to talk about what's happening. Ask questions like "What might happen next?" or "How do they feel?"

3. **Add and Explain New Words**

If your child says "It's big," you might say, "Yes, it's huge — that means very big!" Use new words often to help them stick (repeat, repeat, repeat)

4. **Use Everyday Moments**

Cooking, shopping, or getting ready can all build understanding. Talk about steps, ask what comes next, or describe what you're doing.

5. **Make Thinking Fun**

Ask questions like "What would you do if...?" or "Why do you think that happened?" These help your child think deeply and explain their ideas.

6. **Model Answers**

If your child is not ready to answer these questions, simply model and answer for them.