

Let's Rope a "CAF" with Vocabulary



How do students learn vocabulary?

1. Scientific research on vocabulary instruction reveals that most vocabulary is learned indirectly and some vocabulary must be taught directly.

Children learn vocabulary indirectly in three ways.

1. They engage daily in oral language. The more oral language experiences children have, the more word meanings they learn.
2. They listen to adults read to them. Reading aloud is particularly helpful when the reader pauses to define unfamiliar words.
3. They read extensively on their own. The more children read on their own, the more words they encounter and the more word meanings they learn.

What can parents do to help?

1. Engage in daily conversations with your children
2. Cut down on the time that your children use technology to communicate
3. Read to your children each night and discuss unfamiliar words
4. Have plenty of reading material around your home
5. Go to the library often
6. Have a dictionary in your home
7. Have a nice quiet place for your children to read
8. Have a routine and a specific time for reading
9. Let your children see you enjoy a good book