



How to Support Your Child's French-Language Learning at Home



When it comes to French, ask your child what they are learning. Let them use the French language at home in any way that they can (for example, speaking, reading, and writing), even if you don't understand it. Show your amazement at what they can do!

As a parent, you don't need special skills to help your child learn French. Spending time with your child and showing them that you value what they are learning is important.



Provide encouragement and set aside time for learning in French; this will help your child develop a broad vocabulary in all of the languages that they speak.

If you don't know any French, explore books together or have your child read to you in French and tell you what it means. Say *"Tell me about what you are reading in French"* instead of *"Can you translate this sentence for me?"* Encourage your older child to think about the setting and characters, the main idea, and the author's purpose. Is the author trying to inform us, to entertain us, or to persuade us with this text? Even though this conversation is taking place in English, you are developing your child's critical thinking in French.

To best support your child as they continue to progress in French, implement routines and habits that will allow your child to tackle various tasks.

The best news? All of this will not only support your child's French-language learning; it will also help your child in all subjects.

