

Growing with Language - Vocabulary

Books:

the list below is to act as a guide. Whenever possible try to choose your child's favorite books and remember to have fun with new vocabulary (ie: act it out, add gestures, talk about it, build on your child's curiosity)

Book	Vocabulary
Emily Peach Pear Plum - Janet and Allan Ahlberg	Level 1 words bird, bunny, dog, bear, tree, cupboard, stairs, hill, pie, see, eat, clean, sleep, fall, fly read, help, happy, dry Level 2 words cellar, river, well, ditch, wood, den, picnic, spy, dust, hunt, save
Thelma the Unicorn - Aaron Blabey	Level 1 words jump, cheer, scream, cry, chase, shop, feel, clean, sad, mean, lonely Level 2 words fame, superstar, autograph, squeal, swerve, exercise, ditch, forlorn, famous, lovely
The Return of Thelma the Unicorn - Aaron Blabey	Level 1 words come back, cry, happy Level 2 words return, wings, charity, glee, disguise, mock, recite, wail, blurt, shocked, torn, cheerful, overjoyed
The Very Cranky Bear - Nick Bland	Level 1 words bear, sheep, lion, cave, moose, zebra, antlers, wool, storm

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	<p>Level 2 words cranky, marvelous, fetch</p>
<p>Barnyard Dance - Sandra Boynton</p>	<p>Level 1 words horse, cow, pig, bunny, duck, chicken, sheep, frog, dog, clap, dance, bounce, spin, swing, stand, turn</p> <p>Level 2 words donkey, turkey, clover, bow, stomp, twirl, strut, promenade, prance, scramble, trot, leap</p>
<p>Moo, Baa, La La La! - Sandra Boynton</p>	<p>Level 1 words cow, sheep, pig, dog, cat, duck, horse, bark, run, chase</p> <p>Level 2 words rhinoceros, kitten, snort</p>
<p>Dear Zoo - Rod Campbell</p>	<p>Level 1 words elephant, giraffe, lion, monkey, frog, snake, puppy, big, tall, scary, jumpy</p> <p>Level 2 words camel, fierce, grumpy, naughty</p>
<p>Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? - Bill Martin Jr./Eric Carle</p>	<p>Level 1 words bear, bird, dog, cat, sheep, horse, goldfish, teacher, children, look, see, colours</p> <p>Level 2 words cardinal, student, observe</p>
<p>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</p>	<p>Level 1 words apple, pear, plum, strawberry, orange, cake, ice cream, pickle, cheese, lollipop, pie, cupcake, watermelon, butterfly, eat, little, hungry, fat, sick, numbers</p> <p>Level 2 words</p>

	caterpillar, Swiss cheese, salami, sausage, cocoon, famished, ill, gigantic, lovely, gorgeous
Five Little Monkeys - Eileen Christelow	<p>Level 1 words</p> <p>monkey, mother, doctor jump, fall, bump, call, hurt</p> <p>Level 2 words</p> <p>physician, injury, order, prescribe, injure</p>
The Enormous Potato - Aubrey Davis	<p>Level 1 words</p> <p>farmer, dog, cat, mouse, potato, smell, call, grab, pull, wash, cook, big, dirty</p> <p>Level 2 words</p> <p>wife, daughter, potato eye, chop, enormous</p>
Big Dog... Little Dog - P.D. Eastman	<p>Level 1 words</p> <p>dog, bird, house, car, walk, paint, ski, skate, sleep, jump, cozy, big/little, wet/dry, upstairs/downstairs, colours</p> <p>Level 2 words</p> <p>hotel, moan, groan, thrash</p>
I Just Forgot - Mercer Mayer	<p>Level 1 words</p> <p>bed, dishes, sink, bathtub, bus, milk, cookie, lunch box, paper, toy, plants, rain, boots, teeth, goldfish, mouse, spider, puppy, mom, dad, brush, make, wet, mad</p> <p>Level 2 words</p> <p>rain slicker, remember, forget, feed, soaking</p>

<p>Just a Mess - Mercer Mayer</p>	<p>Level 1 words baseball mitt, bat, clothes, toy, book, vacuum, steps, closet, mess, spider, mom, dad, look, ask, clean, messy</p> <p>Level 2 words treehouse, disaster, grasshopper, sister, search, disorganized</p>
<p>Just Shopping with Mom - Mercer Mayer</p>	<p>Level 1 words foods, mom, shop, buy, pay</p> <p>Level 2 words sister, purchase</p>
<p>Alligator Baby - Robert Munsch</p>	<p>Level 1 words mommy, daddy, baby, zoo, home, nose, face, ear, tail, feet, snake, monkey, elephant, cage, bite, grab, look, reach, yell, long, hairy</p> <p>Level 2 words brother, alligator, seal, raccoon, seagull, gorilla, flipper, flap, holler</p>
<p>Mortimer - Robert Munsch</p>	<p>Level 1 words upstairs/downstairs, quiet/soft/loud</p> <p>Level 2 words bellow, dispute, silent, inaudible</p>
<p>Fancy Nancy (e.g., Sand Castles and Sand Palaces) - Jane O'Connor</p>	<p>Level 1 words trip, beach, bathroom, jump, drink, big</p> <p>Level 2 words outing, lavatory, refreshment, moat, frolic, terrible, horrendous, magnificent, enormous, marvelous</p>

If Animals Kissed Good Night - Ann Whitfield Paul	<p>Level 1 words elephant, wolf, bear, monkey, kiss, shower, swing</p> <p>Level 2 words sloth, peacock, python, walrus, whiskers, trunk, joey, calf, howl, stumble, slithery</p>
Good Night Gorilla - Peggy Rathmann	<p>Level 1 words: keys, balloon, bone, elephant, lion, giraffe, open, follow, in/out</p> <p>Level 2 words: zoo keeper, gorilla, hyena, armadillo, sneaky</p>
One Duck Stuck - Phyllis Root	<p>Level 1 words: duck, fish, frog, stuck, help, swim, hop, jump, crawl, sticky, numbers</p> <p>Level 2 words: moose, cricket, skunk, snail, possum, dragonfly, blossom, wake, munch, plod, nibble, slither, slimy, soggy, weedy</p>
We're Going on a Bear Hunt - Michael Rosen	<p>Level 1 words: mom, dad, baby, dog, bear, grass, mud, tree, snowstorm, cave, nose, ear, eye, door, stairs, bed, catch, open, shut, big, beautiful, scared, long, cold, dark, shiny, wet, furry, safe, colours</p> <p>Level 2 words: brother, sister, family, seagull, hunt, river, forest, footprints, wade, stumble, trip, tiptoe, wavy, deep, thick, oozy, swirling, whirling, narrow, gloomy, quick</p>
It's Not Easy Being a Bunny - Marilyn Sadler	<p>Level 1 words: bunny, bear, bird, pig, eat, sleep, fly, work, sit, happy</p> <p>Level 2 words:</p>

	beaver, moose, possum, skunk, ecstatic
There's a Wocket in My Pocket - Dr. Seuss	Level 1 words: lamp, sink, closet, curtain, clock, shelf, table, chair, ceiling, shower, cupboard, toothbrush, steps, bottle, pillow, bed, hear Level 2 words: sofa/couch, certain, beneath
A Giraffe and a Half - Shel Silverstein	Level 1 words: giraffe, rat, bee, snake, bear, bird, hat, nose, knee, hair, tail, chair, cake, fruit, wagon, bike, hole, mail, stretch, have, dress, glue, step, play, comb, eat, jump, climb, old, fat, tired, silly Level 2 words: skunk, dragon, whale, mole, flea, suit, rose, flute, trunk, spike, lake, junk, sting, trip, trade, shrink, cute, blubbery, half
Nonfiction books (e.g., about animals) National Geographic Kids	*great for level 2 and level 3 words
If you give... (e.g., if you give a pig a party) - Laura Joffe Numeroff	*great for level 1 and level 2 words

Play

Play	Vocabulary
Watching Educational Videos	*great for Level 2 and 3 words
Scavenger Hunt	<p>Level 1 words: find, search, look, see, think</p> <p>Level 2 words: wonder</p>
Building with Blocks	<p>Level 1 words: block, build, create, tall, interesting, colours, shapes, lots, many, few, big, tall</p> <p>Level 2 words: construct, assemble, gigantic</p>
Cars	<p>Level 1 words: car, truck, bus, train, garage, ramp, road, track, highway, stop, sign, mechanic, hammer, gas, tire, drive, park, move, crash, stop, go, fill, carry, fast, speedy, slow</p> <p>Level 2 words: transport, repair</p>
Memory Games/Go Fish	<p>Level 1 words: find, turn over, put, same/different</p> <p>*in addition to specific vocabulary on the memory cards</p>

<p>Obstacle Course</p>	<p>Level 1 words: walk, jump, run, climb, crawl, turn, up, down, over, around</p> <p>Level 2 words: beneath, navigate, tiptoe, creep, squeeze, swerve</p>
<p>Crafts</p>	<p>Level 1 words: paper, sparkles, glitter, pipe cleaner, pompom, scissors, ruler, marker, crayon, pencil crayon, cut, draw, trace, paint, colour, glue, sticky, wet/dry, short/long, big/small</p> <p>Level 2 words: create, construct, attach, damp, marvelous, beneath, oozing, align, perimeter, within</p>

Daily Routines

Routine	Vocabulary
<p>Getting Dressed</p>	<p>Level 1 words: clothing, zipper, bow, tie, button, pull, push, put, fold, stretch, zip, tie, pretty, bright, soft, warm, fuzzy, striped, polka-dot, plain, colours, big/small, tight/loose, light/heavy</p> <p>*use Level 2 words if you can e.g., shirt = sweater, cardigan, long-sleeve, tank-top, t-shirt, dress shirt</p>
<p>Mealtime</p>	<p>Level 1 words: food, box, package, bag, fridge, cupboard, dishwasher, sink, table, chair, knife/fork/spoon, eat, drink, cut, smell, taste, swallow, chew, stir, mix, spill, wash, dry, pour, open, close, yummy, melting, frozen, hot/cold, yummy/yucky, spicy/sour/sweet, wet/dry, empty/full,</p>

	<p>more/one,</p> <p>Level 2 words:</p> <p>delicious, scrumptious, numerous, cutlery, dishes, famished, stuffed, appetizer</p>
Cleaning	<p>Level 1 words:</p> <p>room, dustpan, mop, bucket, dust, cloth, sweep, wash, scrub, spray, clean, sparkly, fresh, clean/dirty, wet/dry, up/down</p> <p>Level 2 words:</p> <p>pristine, disinfect, soak, filthy, refresh</p>
Laundry	<p>Level 1 words:</p> <p>clothing, wash, stain, cycle, power button, lint, lint trap, iron, wash, dry, scrub, treat, delicate, colours, hot/cold, clean/dirty, wet/dry</p> <p>Level 2 words:</p> <p>detergent, lint, lint trap, delicate</p>
Bathtime	<p>Level 1 words:</p> <p>body parts, soap, shampoo, conditioner, cloth, towel, drain, plug, bath toys, wash, scrub, rub, pour, dry, brush/comb, hot/cold, wet/dry, clean/dirty, full/empty</p>
Brushing teeth	<p>Level 1 words:</p> <p>teeth*, toothbrush, bristles, toothpaste, dental floss, mirror, sink brush, squeeze, spit, clean, sparkly, fresh, clean/dirty, old/new (toothbrush)</p> <p>*use Level 2 words if you can (teeth = canines, molars)</p>
Walks/bike rides	<p>Level 1 words:</p> <p>animals (e.g., *bird, squirrel, dog, cat, *bug), *plants, sun, clouds, pond, puddle, wind, nest, walk, run, climb, fly, jump, ride, pedal, push, turn, hop, splash, swim, chirp, eat, go, stop,</p>

	<p>quiet/loud (sounds), soft/hard (surfaces), tall/short, left/right (turn)</p> <p>Level 2 words:</p> <p>*bird = robin, cardinal, blue jay, Canadian goose, *dog= Dalmatian, Husky, Poodle, *bug= ladybug, bee, dragonfly, butterfly, slug, snail, *plants = tulips, tree, evergreen, leaves</p>
Fun Outings (Zoo, Farm, Apple Picking etc.)	<p>*great for Level 2 and 3 words</p> <p>examples:</p> <p>at the zoo animal = gorilla, orangutan, gibbon, golden lion tamarin</p> <p>when apple picking apple= red delicious, gala, ambrosia</p>
Shopping	<p>Level 1 words:</p> <p>package, shopping cart, choose, buy, arrive, big/small, cheap/expensive, quantity, list</p> <p>*in addition to vocabulary specific to what you're shopping for</p> <p>Level 2 words:</p> <p>purchase, import, deliver, desire,</p>