

How to Help Your Child at Home

Modern Foreign Languages



Advantages of learning a foreign language

creativity
communication
jobs
travelling
tolerance
adaptability
confidence
culture
memory
multitasking
achievement
international friends

Ideas to Support Language Learning

- Encourage your child to **watch a TV show or a movie with subtitles** in another language.
- Get **books, films and magazines from abroad** if you go on holiday.
- Get a subscription for a **language magazine**.
- Download **interactive games** about learning languages.
- **Ask your child to teach you** to say something in the foreign language every day.
- Encourage your child to look for most **popular singers and bands** from other countries and **play music** in the foreign language at home.

Revision Techniques for Your Child. Encourage Them To...

- create mind maps to revise vocabulary;
- make revision cards before exams. try to use different colours to distinguish word class (noun, adjectives, verbs etc.);
- use 'look, cover, write' and check lists to practise spellings;
- ask a friend to choose one topic and try to talk about it for one minute;
- use sticky notes to revise key vocabulary and phrases;
- involve you in vocabulary testing: test how many words they can remember;
- find apps about learning languages to revise through playing games;
- play word association games;
- put up posters around your home (e.g. fridge, bedroom) with key verbs, tenses, etc;
- record answers on your phone and listen to them for 5- 10 mins a day.

Strategies for Using a Dictionary or Online Translator

- Words usually have more than one translation. Read them all and decide which one works best for you!
- Check the grammar basics: is that word masculine or feminine? Plural or singular?
- Some online dictionaries also provide an audio version with the pronunciation. Listen to it and try to repeat it.
- Remember: be careful with online translators, they usually make no sense if you try to translate full sentences!

Do you want to find out more?

Have a look at this: www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t3-c-137-free-secondary-mfl-taster-resource-pack