



Teaching And Modelling Vocabulary



What The Education Endowment Foundation Research Tells Us



Strong vocabulary is a building block for communication, learning and life success.

Teaching and modelling vocabulary helps children understand more, say more and remember more.



What Does The Research Say?



Teach New Words Explicitly

- Introduce new words clearly and in context
- Explain the meaning
- Use the word in a sentence

A wide river is called a **estuary**.



Model Rich, Varied Vocabulary

- Use a wide range of words
- Describe, explain and narrate
- Children learn from hearing good examples



Repeat And Revisit New Words

- Use words in different situations
- Revisit over time
- Help children remember and use them

We used the word **estuary** yesterday!



Create Rich Language Environments

- Use books, songs, stories and high quality conversations
- Build a language-rich environment every day



Why It Matters

Children with strong vocabularies are more confident communicators, better learners and more ready for school and life.



Key Takeaway

Consistent teaching and modelling of vocabulary makes a real difference. Small moments, big impact!



Read more in the EEF Early Years Evidence Tool: Teaching And Modelling Vocabulary <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/early-years/evidence-store/communication-and-language/teaching-and-modelling-vocabulary>



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