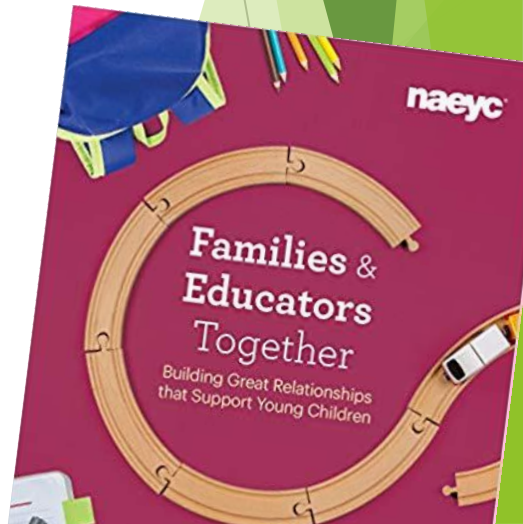
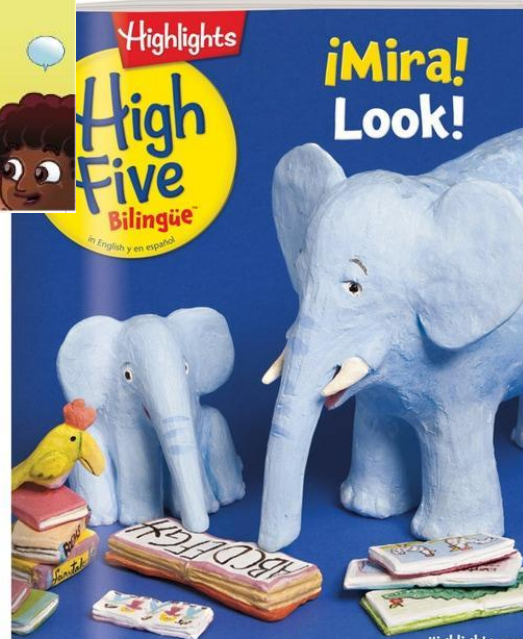
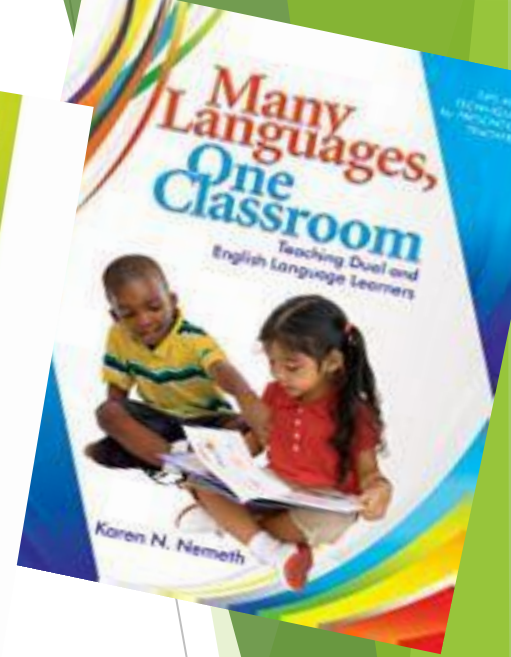
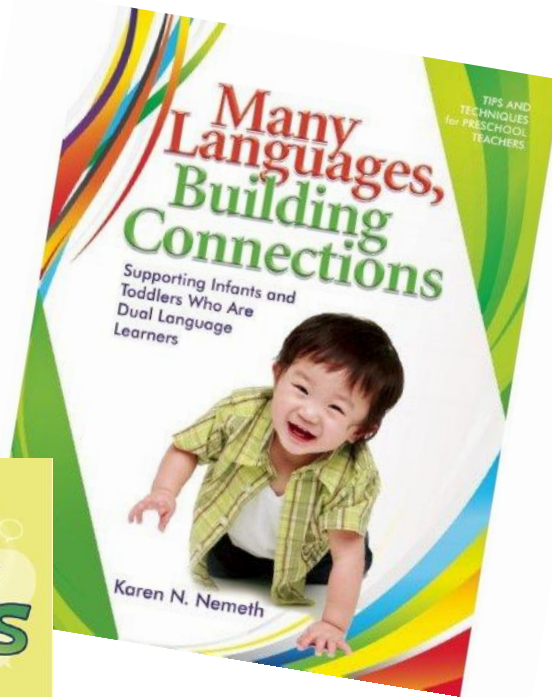


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What are the secrets to early language success?



Secret #1

Young children do not learn language the same way that adults do.



Secret #2

Young children learn language by using language - they learn when they hear AND speak a lot of interesting words.



Secret #3

Young children's language grows when they have lots of experiences to learn new things.



Secret #4

Young children learn language best during two-way conversations.



(Extra secret: Research shows video chats also support language development.)

Secret #5

When young children get a good start in their first language, they can easily transfer to a new language. Home language makes a powerful foundation for learning English!



Science tells us that young children learn language best...

1. With play, songs, and stories.
2. When they do lots of talking with adults and other children.
3. Through interesting experiences.
4. In two-way conversations.
5. With a great start in their family language.

Try these tips to bring the science of language development to your family life!

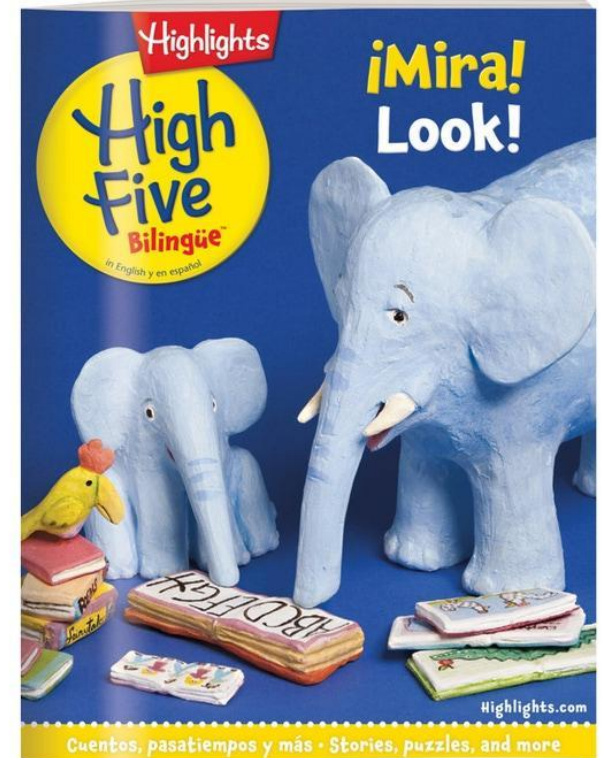


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1. Play, songs, and stories
2. Opportunities to listen and talk
3. Interesting experiences
4. Two-way conversations
5. Rich, wonderful family language and cultural traditions

Family Language Tip #1

- ▶ Play games together. Plan times to use family language and times to try English.
- ▶ Get books in both languages. Read the whole book in home language and another time in English - talk about the meanings of the words in both languages.
- ▶ Sing lots of songs and rhymes, both old and new.



Family Language Tip #2

- ▶ Talk about what you are doing as you go through the day.
- ▶ Talk about words in your environment - like signs and labels.
- ▶ Explain what words mean in your home language and English.



Family Language Tip #3

- ▶ Talk with your child when shopping, taking a walk, eating out, or at the library.
- ▶ Visit interesting places to add to your child's background knowledge.
- ▶ Take a walk or try different transportation.
- ▶ Visit a local museum or park.
- ▶ Involve your child in your hobbies/interests.



Family Language Tip #4

- ▶ Take time to have real conversations.
- ▶ Ask your child who they had lunch with at school.
- ▶ Ask your child who they helped today.
- ▶ Invite your child to teach you something they learned at school.

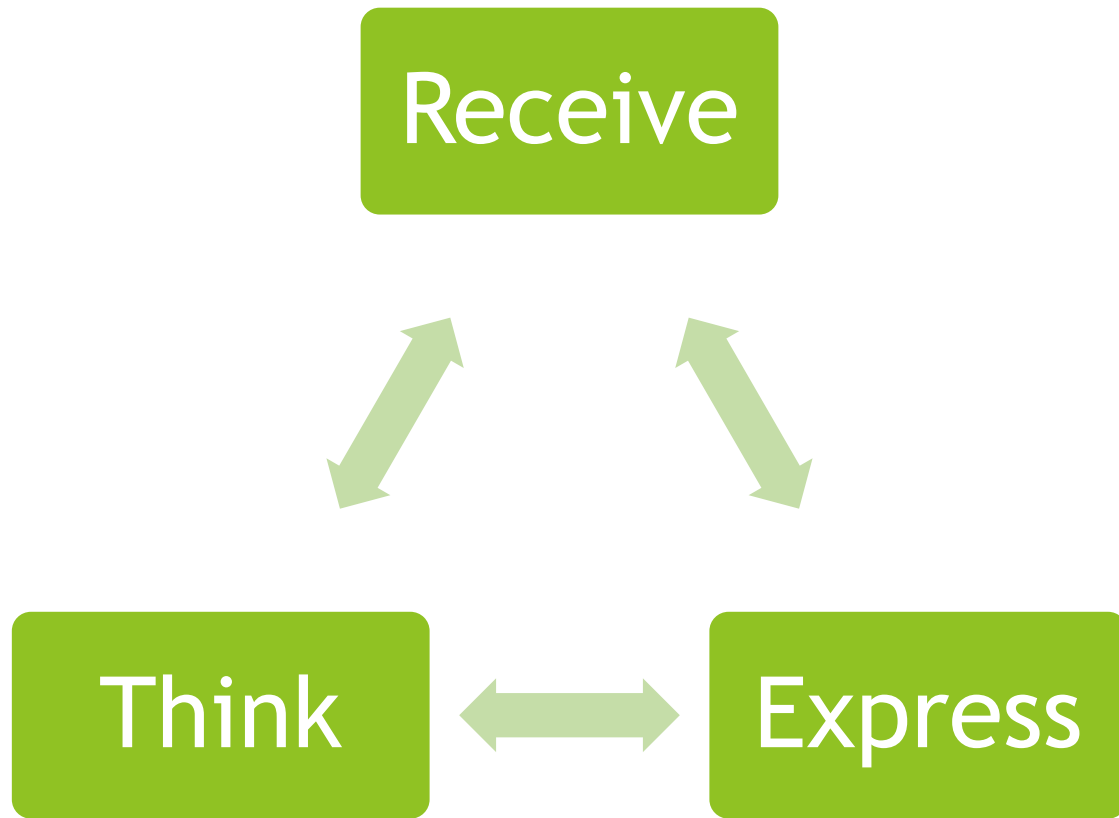


“It’s not just about shoving words in,” said Kathryn Hirsh-Pasek, a professor of psychology at Temple University and lead author of the study. “It’s about having these fluid conversations around shared rituals and objects, like pretending to have morning coffee together or using the banana as a phone. That is the stuff from which language is made.”

Family Language Tip #5

- ▶ Get a great start in your home language!
- ▶ When children learn lots of words and information in their home language, this also supports their success in English.
- ▶ Make English learning a fun part of your whole family's life.

Families and teachers support all 3 functions of language



I hope we have time to show these videos...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q9mlkyfaT-g&t=161s>

Our Chicks have Hatched

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Reading a book together



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