



Communication

Communication skills include reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

Reading and **listening** help your child gather information about new ideas. **Writing** and **speaking** help your child share their ideas with others.

These four skill areas are like the puzzle pieces of literacy. Each one supports the development of the others!

Try these fun activities at home or on the go!

Talk All About It! Listen carefully when your child asks questions. Talk about their questions, even if you don't know the answers.

Explore together to learn about things that interest your child. Talk, talk, and talk some more, taking turns in conversation. This helps your child learn new words and understand new ideas.

Read together to find answers to your child's questions. When you do, talk about what you are reading. You can also find lots of read-aloud videos for children's books online!

I Can Write My Name Start by writing your child's name in marker. They can trace with a finger as they say the names of the letters.

Next, write the letters in dots. Your child can connect the dots to write the letters. Your child will learn to write their name on their own, but this takes time, practice, and patience!

The image shows three educational activities. The first is a spelling game with a basketball hoop and a keyboard. The second is a storybook page with a bridge and a woman. The third is a writing prompt with a Venn diagram and animal icons.

Children need to pay attention and listen to complete learning activities.

As stories and informational texts are read aloud, children hear more complex language and learn new vocabulary.

Children brainstorm topics for writing in prewriting activities.

View example activities and more → [here!](#)