

Språkslottet



Welcome to Språkslottet!

Language is a palace with many rooms. Here you'll get the **keys** that will help you to open the doors. Your words open up the world for your child.

🗝️ When should I start to read?

Start now! Children begin to develop language long before they themselves begin to speak. You should talk, sing and read to them as often as possible.

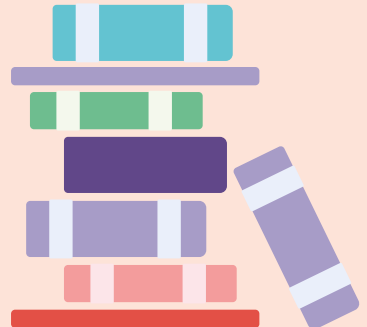


🗝️ In which language should I read?

You should read, talk and sing in the language that you know best. Children can learn several languages at the same time.

🗝️ What should I read?

Read whatever you want to. The act of reading is the most important thing. Go to the library – they will be able to help you. The library has books in all languages, and you can borrow them for free! Does your child like cars? Borrow a book about a car!



🔑 How should I read?

- **Read in your own way!** Your child loves to hear your voice.
- **Read in a conversational style.** You do not need to read every single word. Talk and point to the pictures in the book. Is the story in the book about a teddy bear? If so, point at the child's own teddy bear.
- **Let the child guide you.** Does the child want to read the same page several times? Then do so! You do not need to read the whole book. Short periods of reading are enough.
- **Enjoy your time together!** Turn off the TV and your phone. Sit close together, so that you and your child have eye contact and can look at the book together.
- **Read everywhere!** Read at the kitchen table, on the potty and in bed. Don't put books away – leave them so the child can pick them up whenever they want.
- **Continue to read out loud,** even when the child becomes older! Having a large vocabulary is an advantage for your child – at school, and in life in general.



Your language is the greatest gift you can give to your child.



In our castle, nice and snug,
lives a little reading bug.
Listen carefully, can you hear?
Now it's buzzing in your ear!

On your finger, there it goes! Then
your head and now your nose!
Perfect place to read a book.
Where's it gone now? Take a look.

Swoosh! It's whizzed down to your tummy.
Round and round, it thinks it's funny.
Kisses your toes, counts to ten, then
the bug flies home again.

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