



Languagizing

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Language is the single best predictor, early on, of how children are going to perform when they enter formal schooling. As caring grown-ups, we can encourage healthy language development by having rich conversations and creating interactive environments.

We can use the *Six Languagizing Principles* to help kids flourish!

1. Amount matters
2. Children learn words for things that interest them.
3. Interactive environments help you build language.
4. Children learn things that are meaningful to them.
5. Children need to hear diverse examples of words and language.
6. Vocabulary and Grammar go together.



Resources to Explore:

- Review “Building Language Skills” and “Reading and Writing” topic pages for more strategies to languagize your interactions and environments.
- Visit www.kathyhirshpasek.com to learn more about Kathy’s work.