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Early language acquisition – Talking to one another and discovering the world Moderation cards

Englisch

**We use language everywhere:
at home, at school, and at work.
How you can help your child's language learning:**

- Talk with your child as much as possible
- Let your child play with and talk to other children
- Listen carefully to what your child has to say
- Use language in a variety of different ways
- Explore the world of letters and symbols with your child
- Speak to your child in the language you feel most comfortable in
- Be your child's guide in the digital world

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Talk with your child as much as possible

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Children learn best when they can talk a lot with adults and other children during daily activities.

- Talk about everyday things.
 - Use your child's interests as your guide.
 - Make time for conversations.
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 **Apricots, Finger, Highland cattle, Chatterbox, Smartphone**
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Let your child play with and talk to other children

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**Children particularly enjoy talking while playing together.
It also helps them to be active and independent.**

- Initiate contact between children.
 - Set aside time for your child to play.
 - Let your child finish what they are saying.
 - Do not interrupt your child.
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Television, Market stall

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Listen carefully to what your child has to say

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Children have a lot to say. Children want to be taken seriously.

- Avoid distractions when talking with your child.
 - Give your child time to express themselves.
 - Ask follow-up questions until everything is clear.
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Use language in a variety of different ways

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Children share their experiences, feelings, ideas and knowledge by talking.

- Talk about experiences and feelings.
 - Invent and tell stories.
 - Explain the world to your child.
 - Use imagination to travel with your child.
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**Discover the world of letters and symbols
with your child**

Discover the world of letters and symbols with your child

Pictures, symbols, and words are the keys to the world of stories and knowledge.

- Look at picture books together.
 - Discover symbols and letters.
 - Play games with language(s).
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Recycled glass, Brother John, Letters, Dinosaurs, Table drumming

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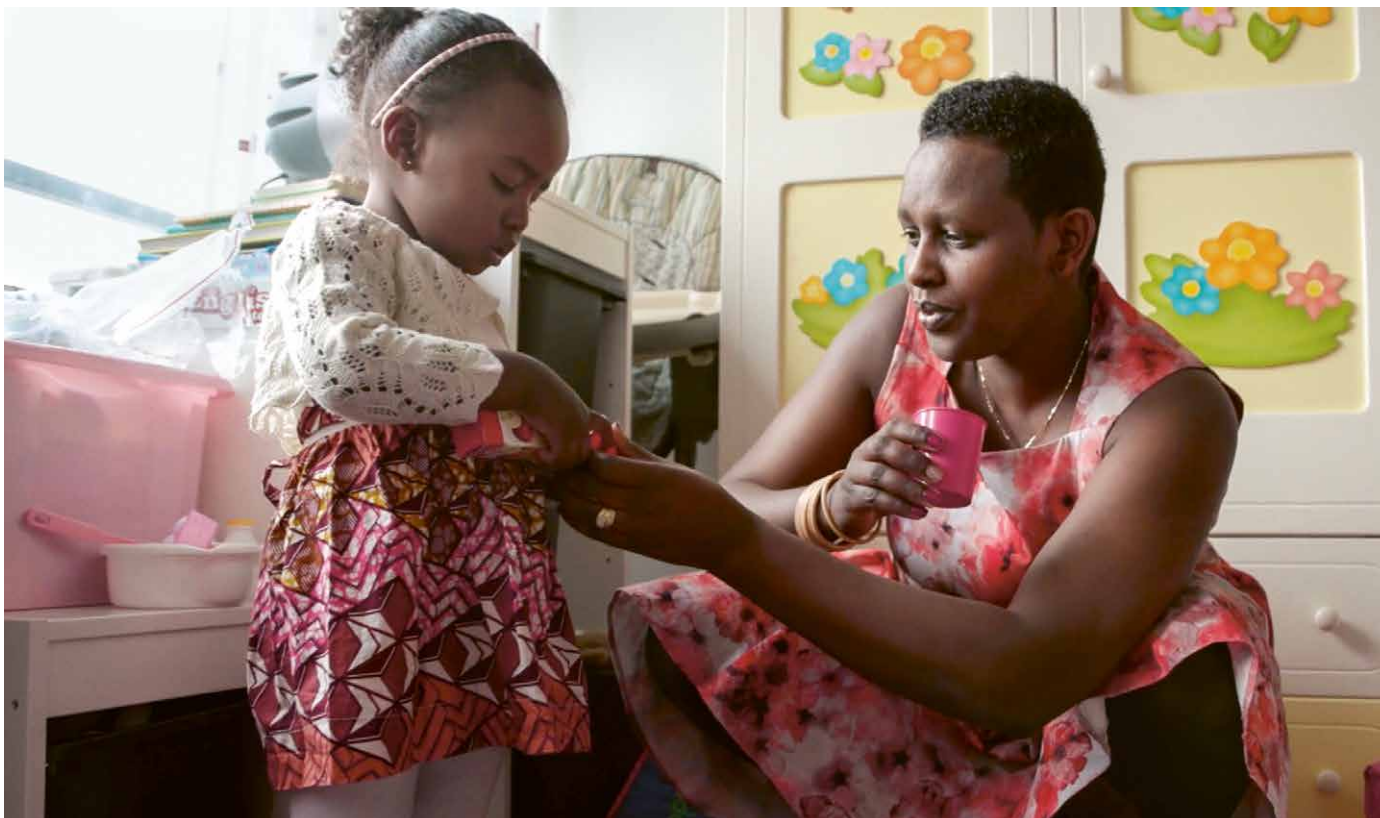


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**Speak to your child in the language
you feel most comfortable in**

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You need to use familiar language to engage in precise and lively conversations with children.

- Ensure that your child hears and uses all the languages they are learning.
 - Tell stories and explain things in the language in which you feel most comfortable.
 - Enable your child to have contact with German-speaking children.
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Thorns, Family discussion, On the way home, Cook, Robot
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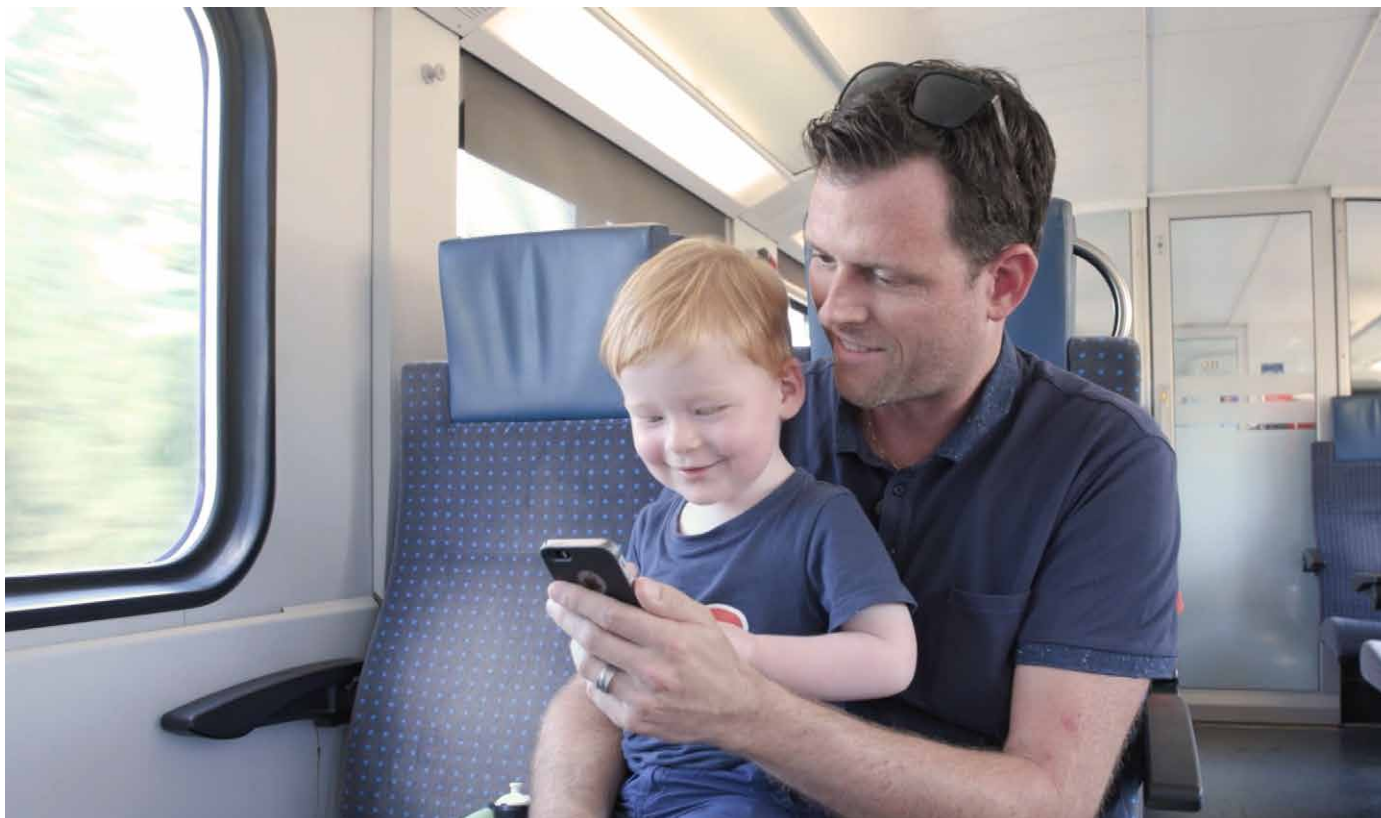
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Be your child's guide in the digital world

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**Smartphones and tablets are important and fascinating.
Children need to learn about their possibilities and limits.**

- Watch videos or play games together with your child.
 - Show and explain to your child how devices and programmes work.
 - Set time limits on TV, tablet, and smartphone usage, and define appropriate content (videos, games, etc.).
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