

Abound Parenting News

Theme: *Brick by Brick* (week 2)



“Vocabulary is the largest contributing factor to reading comprehension...Research shows that vocabulary plays a critical role in learning to read and comprehend text”

(Biemiller 2003; Stahl & Stahl 2004, from [Johnston, A., 2022](#)).



Abound WordUp word of the week: **ESTIMATE**

How was this word chosen? This is an academic word, the kind of word that takes *lots* of exposures to learn, and that children will need to know to read texts successfully in the years to come.

The Abound app gives your child 7 opportunities to hear and use the week’s abstract word. For extra practice, here are 3 more questions about this week’s word, **ESTIMATE**

(**ESTIMATE** definition: to guess based on the information that you have, using your best judgment.)

1. Let’s **ESTIMATE** how long it takes us to make our beds or set the table, and then time how long it takes with a timer. Then we can see how well we **ESTIMATED**!
2. If we wanted to **ESTIMATE** how many blocks it would take to build a small house, what would we need to know about the blocks we were going to use?
3. If we want to **ESTIMATE** what the score will be of a soccer or a hockey game, what would we need to know about those types of games and the teams that are playing?

This week’s featured *TalkOn* question to inspire more TALK at home:

- How is a hard hat different from a bike helmet? Do you think a hard hat would protect you on a bicycle, or a bike helmet would protect you on a construction site? Why or why not?

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