

71 video clips: How children learn to talk

www.kinder-4.ch

On this website on the Internet you will find many video clips.

The video clips show how children learn to speak

and how you can help your child.

Talk to your child – at all times and everywhere.

Read books and poems, tell rhymes

www.interbiblio.ch

Intercultural libraries in Switzerland.

Here you will find books in many languages from many cultures.

On the map you can find a library near you.

www.rhythm-and-rhyme.net

Here you will find songs and rhymes in many languages from many cultures.

For example:

En ten tini, savaraka tini, savaraka tika taka,

bija, baja, buf, trif, traf, truf!

www.buchstart.ch

Buchstart (Born to read) – Reading books with small children

www.sikjm.ch

Schenk mir eine Geschichte (Give me a story) –

stories in many languages

Questions?

Come to your local family centre or library or contact

the mother and father guidance centre of your municipality.

Our qualified staff will be happy to help you.

You can find us at: www.fruehefoerderung.bl.ch

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**CHILDREN WANT TO TALK.
LANGUAGE IS IMPORTANT.
HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD.**

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS



Englisch – English / 11 more languages at: www.kinder-4.ch



Why is language so important for children right from the start?

Children need language at all times and everywhere.
They speak in the family.
They talk and play with other children.

**Language is also important later on –
in school and at work.**

That's why the first years in life are very important.
Support your child.

What can you do?

1. Talk often with your child.

Children need conversations with adults.
So talk with your child often and everywhere.
For example: when shopping, eating, on the train.
Take the time, even for long conversations.
Mistakes in speech are not bad.
The important thing is: you have to understand each other.

2. Let your child speak with other children.

Children learn a lot while playing, even speaking.
That's why they need contact with other children.
Let your child play with other children.
Give your child time to play and learn.

3. Listen carefully to your child.

Children want to tell us things.
That's why they love talking to us.
Give your child time to talk.
Listen carefully to your child.
Show interest and ask questions.
This will help you understand your child better.

4. Use language for everything.

You can do a lot with language. For example:
tell somebody something, invent a story, explain the world.
Talk about interesting things for children.
Talk about feelings, too.
Make time for it.
A long conversation is valuable for your child.

5. Explain writing to your child.

There are letters, numbers and pictures everywhere:
in books, on mobile phones, on TV, on signs.
Explain these things to your child.
Watch children's books or video clips together.
Talk about them.
This will help your child later in school
and in the modern, digital world.

6. Speak in your mother tongue.

At home, speak with your child in your mother tongue.
Your child will speak German in the day care centre or
in the playgroup.
In this way your child will learn two languages.
This is a great opportunity for your child.
And it helps later on in nursery and school.
Let your child speak with German-speaking children at an early stage.
Speak to your child in your mother tongue.

