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Information for parents and guardians



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## Why is language so important?

Children need language everywhere: at home, outside, in playgroups or nursery, and later in kindergarten and school. Living together, feelings, thoughts, playing and learning – language is a central part of life. Help your child learn to communicate – right from the start!

## What can you do?



Speak to your child **a lot** during the day.



Let your child play with **other children**. Facilitate as much contact as possible with German-speaking children and adults for your child.



Listen to your child and try to **understand** exactly what they are saying.



Have interesting **discussions** with your child. Share experiences with them, tell them stories, explain the world to them.



**Explore** the world of media together with your child. Discover books, TV, smartphones and the internet together.



Talk to your child in **the language you are strongest in**, as this will make your conversations lively and rich. If your child is exposed to several languages at home, it can only benefit them.

## Do you have any questions? These specialists can provide you with more help

- Parents' consultation services in your municipality
- Your paediatrician
- Your playgroup or nursery management

## Where can you find examples and more information?

Information for parents and guardians, and this flyer, are available in different languages: [elternwissen-tg.ch/sprich-mit-mir](http://elternwissen-tg.ch/sprich-mit-mir)

Video clips about talking with children in everyday life: [children-4.ch/start](http://children-4.ch/start)

