

Growing Up Learning French

From 2 to 5 Years Old

How to help your young child learn and speak French at home

The more French is promoted every day, the better your child will learn it and identify with it. If you don't speak French, here's what you can do:

Promote French

- Be positive towards French, at home and away from home.
 - To reassure your child that French is important and relevant.
 - To make your child understand that French is spoken away from home.
- Don't worry that your child will not be fluent in English if you promote French at home. Your child will become fluent in English due to the surrounding English environment.
- Why not learn a bit of French? Your child will be more than happy to teach you.

Enrich vocabulary

- Speak properly, using the right word (cat, not kitty).
- Play vocabulary games (it will help eliminate mixing languages).
- Read with your child every day (the skills will transfer to French reading skills).

Encourage the use of French

- Provide opportunities to socialize in French (play group, daycare, other Francophone adults, preschool).

Build on fun

- Make sure that your child has fun in French!



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