



Motivation, motivation, motivation

Remember, a kids willingness to learn a new language will be fueled when building upon skill sets they are already confident in, so increasing their motivation may not be as difficult as you may think. Let your child lead the way.

Rewards

Offer your child rewards for learning extra words or phrases. (e.g. a trip to a restaurant, or his/her favorite place to go, such as zoo, museum, playground or an amusement park)

Surprises

Especially for small children, surprises are proven to increase motivation. When you play surprise games, your child will be empowered to maintain contact with 'the world'. For example, turn their favorite cuddly toy into puppet that speaks in the new language.

Fun & Games

Playing games like hide and seek by counting in the new language, flash card games, online memory or matching games, puzzles, board games using the new language words will do the trick.

Keep it short and simple

Both adults and children alike will automatically lose interest if tasks are too difficult. So, keep it simple and easy. Play with a few easy words to build their confidence and they will develop a curiosity for the other new words in time. Monitor their level of interest as you go along.



"When you are
in the presence of a child,
you are their teacher."

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Parents Guide

#1 effective language learning
program for kids.

There are many different methods for teaching young children a new language. We encourage you as the primary educator of your child, to utilize all the resources and tools available to you that fit in with your learning principles. And always make it fun. You will see.

Dino Lingo team





Practice, practice, practice

Practice makes perfect. Practicing the new words they have heard as they get along with their daily activities is easy, fun and an empowering way to build on their new language skills.

Flash cards & posters

Flash cards are easy, clear and effective. Similar to Dino Lingo motion images, flash cards work by creating object-sign associations in your child's brain after a short period of exposure. You can also play all sorts of learning games with flash cards and posters, such as "find the image" or "show me..." or "what is this?" etc...



Cartoons & motion images

Children love watching cartoons. In Dino Lingo programs while our animations are capturing your child's imagination, he/she will learn new words and phrases.

Storybooks

If your child already knows some words and phrases in the new language, we suggest you purchase age appropriate storybooks to read along with them. If he/she doesn't know any words, you can still read their favorite storybooks by replacing the words in the new target language.



Music & songs

Music is universal and there are many age appropriate CD's available online geared toward child audiences. Turn your car into a mini music studio by playing children's CD's and play background music in your home that facilitates your child's learning and development. Studies have shown that even background music can increase children's vocabulary.

Talking with native speakers

One of the best ways of practicing a new language is giving your child opportunities to interact with native speakers. A fun family activity is to visit a place where the target language maybe spoken such as a restaurant, a supermarket or a cultural center, etc.

Test & quiz

Speak to your child in the new language and/or learn along with them as a student. Ask them questions in the new language like "what is this ? " and point to the object. Kids also love to draw pictures, so plan an art class with them by asking them to draw the objects you are saying to them in the target language. Always remember to reward your child for doing their best.



How to use Dino Lingo DVDs

★Make it Fun

A child's unconscious goal is to learn and develop skills for life and they do this through fun, imagination and playful repetition. They are quite unaware that these activities are the tools they use to facilitate their own growth and development and it is most important that we as caregivers are mindful of this. It is for this very reason, Dino Lingo learning sets are developed with the child's interests in mind. The rest is up to you as their primary teacher.



Participate with your child by telling them all about their new Dino Lingo DVD using your own imagination. Plan exciting rewards as you see them develop an interest in their new language and allow your child to set the pace. Remember this is a child's world of learning that you are stepping into and in time, they will develop the same awareness and vested interest you have as an adult.

★Repeat with them

Play it again Mom! It is proven that repetition is the best way to learn a different language. Watch the DVD together with you children and repeat out loud with them. Children strongly identify with their parents and caregivers and seeing you repeat will increase their engagement resulting in higher comprehension. Additionally, when a child wants to see the show again, it is for a good reason as they are repeating in order to 'figure it out' .



★Watch & Interact

According to a scientific study, kids accompanied by their mothers while watching TV reported learning more (a.k.a. maternal co-viewing). This is primarily because kids automatically understand that if their parents are watching with them, it must be something important. In an experiment where one group of children were asked questions by their parents and other group was not, the children in the first group scored higher in their learning test. Some other studies have suggested the significance of co-viewing with other children and friends since they can communicate ideas in the real world with like minded peers while paying attention to the program.

★Make it smaller

We often tell our kids to take small bites in order to correctly digest their food and the same principle applies to learning. Most children may have very low attention span so it is recommended that they take breaks when watching the DVD rather than viewing all episodes at once.

★Pause & Quiz

There are mini quizzes in each episode and we strongly advise you to watch these sections with your kid. Any reward or challenging activity will increase her/his interest in a second language and reinforce for you what she/he learnt. You can always pause the video and ask about the objects on the screen like; what's happening in the story? What did he say? Never punish child for making a mistake but rather reward them for the effort and be patient. Additionally, your feedback

and participation will increase their attention to the topic. Develop bilingual family games or sing along songs with your kid to make this process more fun and personal to your family values.

