# What English Learning Looks Like at Home

English is about communication, confidence, and creativity. You can support your child by weaving English into everyday life, using real tasks that build skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

### 📚 Reading Together: Building Vocabulary & Understanding

#### Try This:

* Read menus, signs, leaflets, or packaging aloud together.
* Choose short articles, comics, or sports reports that match your child’s interests.
* Ask: *“What do you think will happen next?”* or *“Why do you think they said that?”*
* *Take turns when reading to maintain the rhythm and flow of the text.*

Parent Tip:  
Use a highlighter to mark tricky words and look them up together. Keep a “word wall” on the fridge with new vocabulary.

### ✍️ Writing with Purpose: Making It Meaningful

#### Try This:

* Write shopping lists, birthday cards, or thank-you notes together.
* Help your child keep a journal about their hobbies, pets, or daily routine.
* Create a “business pitch” or flyer for a pretend service (e.g. dog walking, horse grooming).
* Write about their favourite horses and ponies.

Parent Tip:  
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### 🗣️ Speaking & Listening: Confidence in Communication

#### Try This:

* Role-play interviews, phone calls, or customer service chats.
* Watch a short video and ask your child to explain it back in their own words.
* Practice storytelling—retell a favourite memory or invent a silly tale together.

Parent Tip:  
Celebrate expressive language, even if it’s informal. Confidence comes before correctness.

### 🎨 Creative English: Blending Art, Drama & Imagination

#### Try This:

* Make comic strips with speech bubbles.
* Write a short play and act it out with props.
* Create character profiles for imaginary people or animals.

Parent Tip:  
Use drawing, movement, puppets, or music to support storytelling especially helpful for children who struggle with written tasks.

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