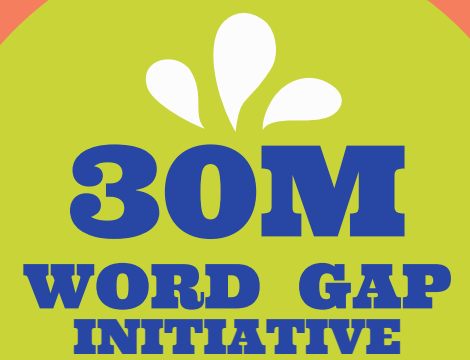


WHAT YOU CAN DO...



TUNE IN.

Pay attention to what a child is communicating to you.

- **Ask & answer open ended questions** - Keep the conversation going by asking questions and inviting children to share their ideas.
- **Minimize distractions** - Put down the cell phones + turn off the TV + gadgets!

TALK MORE.

Engage a child in conversation using descriptive words.

- **Narrate your daily actions** - Read street signs aloud when driving in the car or talk about the groceries you're adding to the shopping cart.
- **Use rhythm & rhyme** - Sing a silly song, recite poetry or use playful rhymes to introduce new vocabulary.
- **Read daily** - Look for books with illustrations that provide clues to new words.

TAKE TURNS.

Encourage a child to respond to your words and actions.

- **Interactive games** - Play an 'Eye-Spy' or memory game.
- **Play pretend** - Host a tea party + invite some guests to join. Encourage children to talk to one another!

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