

Family support boosts learning, and Lexia is here to help. Try these fun games and activities to reinforce and build your reader's literacy skills from home.

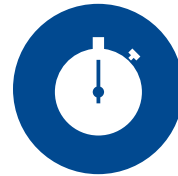


Act It Out

Can your reader tell when an author is trying to convince them to do or believe something? Exploring how persuasive writing works can improve their reading comprehension.

Look at different ads together – online, on TV, in magazines – and talk about how advertisers try to persuade us. Common techniques are asking rhetorical questions, repeating words and phrases, using inclusive language (friends & family!), and demanding action.

Now your reader is ready to write a script and act out a persuasive ad of their own!



Beat the Clock

Help build your reader's vocabulary with these Greek word parts:

arch (chief): architect, anarchy, hierarchy

dem (people): democracy, pandemic

graph (written): autograph, paragraph

ology (the study of): technology, biology

path (feelings, suffering): empathy, pathetic

psych (mind): psychic, psychologist

therm (heat): thermometer, hypothermia



Word Play



Your reader can boost their understanding of academic vocabulary by creating personal definitions. Academic vocabulary includes words that are often used in school discussions and texts, like *analyze*, *component*, *deduce*, *evident*, *function*, *impact*, *method*, *perspective*, *relevant*, and *specify*. Look for challenging academic words in online news sources, and have your reader follow these steps to ramp up their vocabulary learning:

1. Brainstorm what you know about the word.
2. Read the dictionary definition.
3. Write a personal definition. This can include examples, pictures, and using the word in a sentence.

Encourage your reader to keep their personal definitions in a journal, and try to use the words together in family conversations.



Speak Up

Strong readers can make their voices sound natural as they read – as if they're having a conversation. Help your reader develop fluent reading skills with this fun activity.

Work together to select informational articles or short stories to read aloud. Have them practice reading clearly and with expression. Then, encourage them to record themselves to create audiobooks for friends and family.