

European Day of Languages 2018

Ideas for Parents and Families

Parents as Partners: Ways to support your child in their language learning

Activity	Suggested timeframe	Description
SUITABLE FOR YOUNGER LEARNERS		
Counting fun	5 mins	Find opportunities to count with your child in the language they are learning. You can practice anywhere - in the car, on the way to school or in a supermarket queue. Can you practise the colours of the objects you find?
Learn a new song from around the world	15 mins+	Learn a traditional song from another country. Find simple rhymes and counting song in the language your child is learning. Can they teach you a song or rhyme they already know?
SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES AND STAGES		
Let's get cooking	1 hour +preparation and planning	At the supermarket, look for products in other languages and from other countries. Where do your favourite foods come from? Have some fun in the kitchen and create a dish from another country. Bon appétit!
It's good to talk!	EDL week	Share your child's language learning in family life and in everyday situations. For EDL week try to practise familiar phrases in the language your child is learning at school.
Learn a tongue twister	5 mins	Have fun with tongue twisters in different languages. Saying tongue twisters can be difficult at first, so don't worry if you can't do it very well to begin with. Just keep practising and have fun!
UPPER PRIMARY (P6 & P7)		
Social media	Over several days or weeks	Connect with your family's favourite European sportsperson or team on social media. Follow the sporting action on Facebook or tweet messages of support to your team and learn at the same time.
Change your listening habits		Listen to favourite Disney songs in different languages. Listen to the best current European music on Youtube.



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Technology to help you learn	Over several days or weeks	Switch the settings on a mobile phone, games console or mobile device to the language your child is learning. Which words do you know? Can you guess some of the others? Ask questions to the digital voice assistant (Siri/Google Now) in another language. Learn words like “send,” “delete” and “cancel,” just from using your phone on a daily basis.
Learning together	Over several weeks or months	If you want to continue learning a language, there are lots of free online resources to get you started such as BBC Languages , Radio Lingua free podcasts or Duolingo .

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