



1

COMMUNICATE!

Oral communication is the most important and effective way to promote language learning for people of all ages. Reading and having discussions in French are ways to integrate or improve your daily use of the language.

Having a positive relationship with the French language
It's crucial to create a positive relationship with French when you're talking with your children. By setting the example, you're allowing your children to have a solid foundation to properly learn French. Learning French should be fun - it shouldn't be a form of punishment!

Your role:

- Be mindful of your choice of words. You can use a rich, diverse vocabulary when you're talking to your children. That way they will improve their vocabulary, no matter how old they are.

Example: use words like "interesting", "amusing", or "entertaining" instead of a simple "good" when you're talking about a movie or a book.

- Be mindful of your tone and body language. By speaking French in positive settings instead of as a punishment, you will make your children appreciate the language, and they will want to use it more often.

Sources:

Comment aider votre enfant à réussir à l'école de langue française – *Guide à l'intention des parents*
Ministère de l'Éducation de l'Ontario, 2015



2

COMMUNICATE!

Reading:

Reading to your children is a great way to make sure they hear French every day.

- You can plan French reading times with your children during the day and encourage them to read in French. By reading books or other documents out loud, you are including French in their routine.
- You can talk to your children about what you're reading or what they're reading. You can use this moment to explain words they didn't understand, thus improving their vocabulary.

Experience:

- Help your children understand the meaning of certain words experientially. Showing them helps them understand the words better and faster.

Example: "bitter", "acidic", "brilliant", "modular"...

- With concrete examples, explain to your children why we don't address everyone in the same way.

Sources:

Comment aider votre enfant à réussir à l'école de langue française – *Guide à l'intention des parents*
Ministère de l'Éducation de l'Ontario, 2015