

How can you help your child in Mathematics?

Building on success is important

Create the impression that being successful in mathematics is desirable. Reward effort and try not to criticise errors. Stay positive about mathematics your negativity can influence your child's thoughts about math's.

People learn, not so much by being told things but by working things out for themselves

Exploring and investigating can allow students to link new ideas to ideas they already have. You can help by asking children questions, letting them work out answers for themselves, and then discussing their answers with them. There is not one way to solve a problem, encourage different approaches.

Children need time to think and time to answer

When asking your children questions or talking to them about mathematics give them time. Be patient. Wait for them to answer. Also, explain to older children that they need to give younger children time to answer questions, rather than always answering for them.

Encourage children to talk

Talking about mathematics is an effective way of learning and the family is one of the best places to talk, especially when the mathematical situation arises naturally.

Use mathematical words when you describe things

Instead of saying "the big red bucket," you might say "the 10 liter bucket".

Instead of saying "the large packet of rice", you might say "the 2kg packet of rice".

In this way, children get to hear quantities being stated as an everyday way of describing things.



More information can be found at

The Birth to Level 10 Numeracy Guide (Numeracy at home tab)

<https://numeracyguidedet.global2.vic.edu.au/>