

# Abound Parenting News

## Theme: *Suit Up* (week 1)

This week's WordUp word, **SELECT**, sounds easy enough, but can you –

- understand its meaning in a sentence you read, use it in a piece of writing, and explain its definition to someone else?
- add a prefix or any suffixes to it and use those new words?
- use it as both a verb and an adjective?

People need many exposures to learn a word deeply. That's why we focus on one high-impact word over the course of a week and give children a chance to hear/use it in many contexts.

- **This week's WordUp word is SELECT.** Here are 2 *more* ways to give your child opportunities to hear and use this abstract word.
  - *If you were cold and had the choice of a sweater or a jacket to wear outside, which one would you **SELECT**? Why?*
  - *Some people hate having lots of things to SELECT from when they are at an ice cream store or trying to choose a video, and some people like a big **SELECTION** of things to choose from. What about you? What's hard about each situation?*
  - *To copy text on a computer, you have to **SELECT** the word or paragraph you want by highlighting it with your cursor, then you can copy, cut, make bold or do other things to it. Do you know how to **SELECT** all the text on a page or document? (Use the ALL command, either Apple A or Control A)*
    - ◆ *Remind your child that **SELECT** means to choose one item or thing from a group of things.*
- **How else can you build your child's reading skills through TALK?**

Try these questions taken from different TalkOn age groups this week:

  - *Barney buckled Ben's boots. All those words begin with the /{b}/ sound. Can we think of one more thing we wear that begins with that same /{b}/ sound, and another name that starts with /{b}/, too? (e.g., belt, bandana; Brandy, Brian)*
  - *When we change our clothes, we take off what we're wearing and put on something new. If you wanted to change your clothes by keeping the same clothes on but actually changing them in one way or another, how could you do that?*
  - *Some people love dressing up in costumes, and some hate it. How do you feel? How come?*
  - *If you saw someone with a tag hanging off the back of her shirt, would you tell her? Would it matter if she were someone you knew, versus a stranger?*

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