

FACE Family Reads

Where Fun and Learning Unite!

Speaking/Listening Activities

Storytelling Nights

Organize storytelling nights where each family member takes turns sharing their favorite stories or even creating their own.

Song Lyrics

Listen to music and discuss the lyrics. You can even print them out and read along as the song plays.

Articulation Exercises

Practice tongue twisters, articulation exercises, and vocal warm-ups as a family to improve clarity and pronunciation while speaking.

Debate Nights

Organize friendly debates on interesting subjects, allowing family members to express their viewpoints and actively listen to counterarguments.

Theater and Improv

Attend theater performances or participate in family-friendly improv classes, encouraging creativity in both speaking and listening.

TED Talk Discussions

Watch TED Talks as a family and engage in discussions afterward, sharing insights and reflections on the ideas presented.

Language Games

Play language-related games like word associations, storytelling with prompt cards, or vocabulary-building games to make language learning enjoyable (e.g. Taboo, Telephone, Heads Up).

Interview Practice

Pair up and take turns interviewing each other on specific topics, helping family members practice both asking questions and providing thoughtful answers.

Poetry Recitals

Hold poetry recital sessions where each family member selects a poem to recite, fostering expressive speaking and attentive listening.

Discussion Circles

Choose a current event or thought-provoking topic and engage in family discussion circles, allowing each member to express their opinions and actively listen to others.

Public Speaking Challenges

Create fun public speaking challenges, such as giving short speeches on favorite topics or practicing presentations, to boost speaking confidence.

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Reading/Writing Activities

Bedtime Stories

Establish a bedtime routine of reading aloud to younger family members, promoting a positive reading experience from a young age.

Outdoor Reading

Enjoy reading outdoors by visiting NYC parks, like Central Park, and having family reading picnics.

Audio Books and Podcasts

Listen to audio books and podcasts together, then discuss the content, characters, and themes to enhance comprehension and conversation skills.

Library Visits

Plan regular trips to local libraries, such as the New York Public Library, to explore a wide range of books for all family members.

Family Book Club

Start a family book club where you choose a book to read together each month, followed by discussions and activities related to the book's themes.

Local Bookstores

Support independent bookstores in NYC by visiting them with your family to discover new reads and attend author events.

Reading Challenges

Set up reading challenges with rewards for reaching certain reading milestones, encouraging everyone in the family to read more.

Writing Workshops

Participate in writing workshops or creative writing classes offered in NYC to foster a love for both reading and writing.

Digital Resources

Explore online platforms and resources, like digital libraries and e-book services, to access a wide range of reading materials.

Magazines and Comics

While they are still a form of printed material, they offer a different reading experience than traditional books. They often have vibrant visuals and shorter text segments.