

# the Word Collector

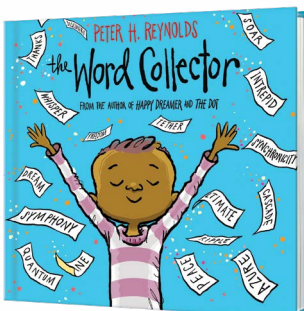
## NATIONAL LEARN A WORD DAY

### Parent/Child Activity

A strong vocabulary helps children better express themselves and understand what they see or hear. In honor of National Learn a Word Day on October 16, try this fun activity to help your child become more familiar with a wider range of words, as well as their own interests!

Here's what to do:

- On a sheet of paper, have your child write their name vertically along the left side of the page.
- Beside each letter, help them come up with and write one word that describes or relates to them and begins with that letter. These can be nouns, verbs, or adjectives.
  - Example: If the child's name is S-H-A-W-N, the first word can be "Sing," the second word can be "Happy," the third word can be "Active," etc.
- Once the list is complete, use a children's dictionary or thesaurus to help them find synonyms or words related to each original word. The new words don't need to share the same first letter, but they should be words your child doesn't already know.
  - Using the previous example, the new word for "Sing" can be "Croon," the new word for "Happy" can be "Cheerful," the new word for "Active" can be "Sprightly," etc.
- Let your child write the new words beside the old ones. Then, practice using the new words in a sentence.



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