

LITTLE PIM

Helpful Teaching Tips

Get more fun & learning out of your Little Pim DVDs:

Jump in with your kids!

1. Watch Little Pim with your children so you can learn a few of the words and reinforce them (Your leche is ready!). It's easy and they will model after you. If you don't speak the language, simply turn on the English subtitles in the DVD start menu. For Chinese, you can print out a pronunciation guide on the Little Pim web site (LittlePim.com).
2. Build Little Pim into their routine (you may want to set a specific day or time when you always watch it), so your children get regular exposure to the language. We recommend viewing 2-3 times per week for the new vocabulary words to sink in.
3. Listen to music together in the language your children are learning.
4. Read foreign language books together. If you speak the language they are learning, make a point of regularly reading books in that language (a wide selection of music and books can be found on the Internet and increasingly, in toy stores).

Keep it Fun

1. Make up games that help your child remember the words they are learning. You can play "I spy" and insert foreign language words ("I spy a ballon rouge") or see how many objects you can name at the dinner table or in their bedroom. Post-its with the names of objects in the house are also fun for kids. Make them together as an activity.
2. Show your child the videos of other kids speaking a foreign language on our web site and then videotape your child speaking or singing in the language they are learning. If they are selected for the homepage of Little Pim, we will send them a free Little Pim panda.
3. Print out coloring pages from the Little Pim web site and practice the words as your children color in the images. Post the pictures around the house and say the words when you pass them.
4. Make a game of reading the ingredients off packages of food in all the printed languages (beauty products, toy packages, shampoos) aloud to your kids. They will love hearing you stumble through the words and you can have a good laugh together! By doing this simple thing, you can start to give them a sense of how many languages exist in the world.

Positive Reinforcement

1. Exclaim with delight and pride when they use one of their new words. You can point out to another parent or adult something like, "Nicky speaks Spanish!"
2. When they make a mistake, don't correct, just say the proper pronunciation and have them repeat after you.
3. Look for words in the language your child is learning in your local area (restaurants, books, signs) and point them out.
4. Find places on the map where language is spoken and talk to them about it (Italy is where Italian is spoken, China is where Chinese is spoken, etc.). Map placemats are especially good for this at mealtime.
5. Expose your children to children who are native speakers of other languages and encourage them to use their new vocabulary to communicate with them. They will be delighted to find they can be understood in another language!

For more tips, read my blog at www.LittlePim.com. Click on FOR PARENTS/Julia's Blog



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