

Darwin Languages Centre

Using MANDARIN at home

Tips for families

Every student attending DLC brings their own diverse language learning experience. Supporting your child's language journey can sometimes be difficult. Here are some simple tips to enhance their language learning and boost their motivation.

Show an interest in Language learning

Ask your child a simple question about what they are learning.

What's one new word or phrase you learnt today?
What was your favourite activity in Language class?

Compare and contrast languages.

What was something that was different to English?
What is something that is similar?



Labels around the home

Label rooms or items in your house in Language. See extra sheet for some labels to start you off. Ask your teacher for additional words or consult a dictionary available in our library.



Access online learning sites to supplement learning

DLC students each have a login to LanguageNut, but there are lots of other games out there! Check out Quizlet, Quizziz or DuLingo Kids. YouTube has many children's songs too.



Connect Languages to the world around you

Look out for local festivals by community groups or Harmony Day events where your children can connect with other cultures and language. Even a trip to the supermarket can uncover language on packaging of food from other countries.



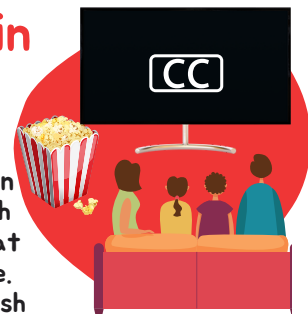
Start using everyday words as a family

Try using these seven everyday words as a family. Tick them off when you can say them without looking at the paper.

Good Morning	zǎo shàng hǎo 早上好	
Goodbye	zài jiàn 再见	
Good Night	wǎn ān 晚安	
Thank you	xiè xiè 谢谢	
Sorry	duì bu qǐ 对不起	
Great!	zhēn bàng 真棒!	
Delicious	hǎo chī 好吃	

Watch a show in Language

Try watching a film in language with English subtitles. This is great for listening practise. It also supports English literacy.



Streaming services often have multi-language options. A popular animated film, where children already know the story, could be a good place to start. Deckchair Cinema also sometimes has films in other languages.