

NEWSPAPERS HELP FAMILIES SHARE KNOWLEDGE AND GUIDANCE



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When parents and children play, read and talk together, they form an important learning bond that lasts a lifetime. Parents who share their knowledge, especially of how language and literacy work, guide children along the path to success.

Your newspaper is a tremendous meeting ground for minds, a place to find information that's interesting and important to your family, and a source of unlimited opportunities to practice reading and language skills.

But not every family is equipped to take advantage of this resource. Many parents struggle with basic literacy tasks, and their children, in turn, struggle to keep up in school. When adults have trouble filling out a job application, reading a note from their child's teacher or following written instructions from a doctor, a family's finances, well-being and health are threatened.

Illiteracy is not an individual problem. It affects our neighborhoods, our schools, our states and our nation. It is a multigenerational challenge that needs a multigenerational solution.

Addressing the literacy needs of the entire family is a powerful community strategy for raising educational levels, improving workforce skills and breaking the intergenerational cycle of poverty.

Through family literacy, parents and children can turn stumbling blocks into stepping stones.

I encourage the parents who read and use this 2007 Literacy Day Tabloid to think about the knowledge and guidance you share not only with your children, but also with others in your community. Learn about the impact that low literacy rates have on your community. Consider volunteering at a local program or school, or work with your community leaders to start a literacy initiative.

Children, I encourage you to think about how you can help your friends with homework or read to a younger sibling or neighbors.

With a little knowledge and guidance, we can all make a difference in raising literacy achievement.



WHAT'S IN A WORD?

Having fun with words is a great way to involve your whole family in an activity. Using the words below, see how many other words each family member can make. Award a point for each new word found: two points for any word that's two syllables; five points for any word that's more than two syllables. Younger children can receive a point for finding articles (a, an, the), and two points for any other words they find. Treat the whole family to a favorite meal or a special outing as a reward after the game.

Word 1: **Newspaper**

Word 2: **Masthead**

Word 3: **Subscription**

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| 37. Scrub | 19. Orbit | 1. Bruin | 37. She | 19. Heat | 1. Ad | 37. Spawn | 19. Pear | 1. Answer |
| 38. Sin | 20. Oust | 2. Bin | 38. Stead | 20. Hem | 2. Am | 38. Spear | 20. Peer | 2. Ape |
| 39. Slip | 21. Out | 3. Brunt | 39. Steam | 21. Mad | 3. Asp | 39. Spew | 21. Pew | 3. Asp |
| 40. Sir | 22. Pin | 4. Bun | 40. Tad | 22. Made | 4. Ash | 40. Swan | 22. Prawn | 4. Awe |
| 41. Son | 23. Pit | 5. Burn | 41. Tame | 23. Mash | 5. Dam | 41. Swap | 23. Preen | 5. Ear |
| 42. Spin | 24. Post | 6. Burp | 42. Tea | 24. Mast | 6. Dame | 42. Swear | 24. Ran | 6. Earn |
| 43. Sprint | 25. Pot | 7. Burst | 43. Team | 25. Mat | 7. Dash | 43. Sweep | 25. Rap | 7. Ease |
| 44. Sub | 26. Print | 8. Bus | 44. The | 26. Mate | 8. East | 44. Wane | 26. Raw | 8. Ewe |
| 45. Tip | 27. Put | 9. Chb | 45. Them | 27. Mead | 9. Eat | 45. Wasp | 27. Reap | 9. Ewer |
| 46. Top | 28. Rib | 10. Crisis | 28. Meat | 10. Edam | 10. Wasp | 46. We | 28. Sane | 10. Nap |
| 47. Ton | 29. Rip | 11. Crisp | 29. Met | 11. Had | 11. Wasp | 47. Wean | 29. Sear | 11. Nape |
| 48. Toss | 30. Rob | 12. Cut | 30. Sad | 12. Ham | 12. Wasp | 48. Wear | 30. Seen | 12. Near |
| 49. Trip | 31. Rub | 13. Is | 31. Sat | 13. Hame | 13. Wasp | 49. Weep | 31. Seep | 13. News |
| 50. Truss | 32. Run | 14. Nib | 32. Same | 14. Has | 14. Wasp | | 32. Seer | 14. Pan |
| 51. Tub | 33. Run | 15. Not | 33. Seam | 15. Hash | 15. Wasp | | 33. Sew | 15. Paper |
| 52. Turn | 34. Rut | 16. Nut | 34. Seat | 16. Haste | 16. Wasp | | 34. Sner | 16. Paw |
| | 35. Scrap | 17. On | 35. Shade | 17. He | 17. Wasp | | 35. Span | 17. Pea |
| | 36. Script | 18. Oh | 36. Shame | 18. Head | 18. Wasp | | 36. Spare | |

ANSWERS:

A list of suggested words is included here, but there may be other words you find that are not included.

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