

■ Signs and words are all around us



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■ What we do and what it means

Mum says, 'We have to push to open the door. Look! The sign says PUSH.'

Drawing children's attention to signs in the environment helps them learn to read letters and words.

Children begin to recognise symbols that are important to them, such as letters in their own name, the word for their street and the signs on buildings, such as shops, that they pass often.

Later, children will learn that words keep the same meaning, even when they appear in different places.

This idea is very important for literacy learning.

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