

Family support boosts learning, and Lexia is here to help. Try these fun

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## Word Play

Your reader can boost their understanding of academic vocabulary by creating personal definitions. Academic vocabulary includes words that are often used in school discussions and texts, like *conclude*, *benefit*, *determine*, and *represent*. Choose some challenging academic words from informational books or articles, and have your reader follow these steps to ramp up their vocabulary learning:

1. Brainstorm what you know about the word.
2. Read the dictionary definition.
3. Write a personal definition. This can include examples, pictures, and using the word in a sentence.

Encourage your reader to keep their personal definitions in a journal, and try to use the words together in family conversations.

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## Art Studio

Comparing and contrasting – looking at how things are alike and how they're different – is a great way to improve reading comprehension. Try this fun project with your reader to help them compare and contrast like a pro.

Have them illustrate a book character, complete with details from the story. Then, they should draw themselves next to the character. Ask them to label the pictures to show what's the same and what's different.

If this project is a hit, try it with characters from other books, movies, or TV shows.



## Tournament Time

Host a poetry tournament! Find eight poems by different poets, and create a tournament bracket – like the ones used for basketball playoffs – with poem titles instead of team names.

Read the poems together and talk about what you like or don't like. Then, match two poems against each other at a time. Have family members vote on a winner to continue in the tournament until a champion emerges.

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## Scavenger Hunt

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