

DaZ – A Guide for Parents

DaZ = Deutsch als Zweitsprache (German as a Second Language)



iDENTITY | iNTERNATIONALITY | iNTEGRATION | iDSB

How can you support your child's DaZ language acquisition?

- **Speak to your child in the language you feel most confident using!**
- Speak your home language with your child!
-
- **Positive attitude towards the German language**
- Positive attitude
-
- **Encourage communication within the family**
- Communication within the family
-
- **Build knowledge of the world: theatre, swimming pool, cinema, travel, public events, etc.**
- Understanding the world: theatre, swimming, cinema, travel, public events
-
- **Encourage contact with native German speakers**
- Encourage contact with native German speakers
-
- **Make greater use of iDSB all-day programmes and holiday care**
- Participation in GSplus

FAQs

- **1. How can I support my child's multilingualism?**

Use your child's home language consciously and consistently. Make sure both languages are a regular part of your child's everyday life.

- **2. What should I do if my child answers in German?**

Stay relaxed and continue speaking to your child in your home language.

- **3. Is it a problem if my child mixes languages?**

No. Mixing languages is completely normal. Simply repeat what your child has said correctly in one language, without explicitly correcting them.

- **4. Which language should I speak to my child?**

Speak the language in which you feel most confident and can express yourself most naturally.

- **5. My child is reluctant to speak German. What should I do?**

Give your child time and do not put them under pressure.

- **6. My child does not say much about school or kindergarten. What should I do?**

Create regular opportunities for conversation and ask open-ended questions such as *what*, *why*, and *how*.

- **7. My child does not listen when I read aloud. What should I do?**

Start with short stories and try to find out whether your child is having difficulty understanding them.

- **8. My preschool child is interested in reading and writing. Is this supported?**

Yes. Before starting school, children develop relevant vocabulary and are introduced to the foundations of literacy.

- **9. Should a child with limited German stay in kindergarten longer?**

This is decided on an individual basis, taking the child's overall development into account.

German-language media: age-appropriate books, audio stories, songs and selected children's programmes

ZDFtivi Vorschläge für kindgerechte Sendungen und Zeichentrickfilme	http://www tivi.de
Sendung mit der Maus kleine Zeichentrick- und Wissensfilme in einfacher Sprache	Sendung mit der Maus · Aktuelle Folgen (ardmediathek.de)
Löwenzahn Wissenssendung für Kinder im Grundschulalter	Löwenzahn - ZDFtivi
Pur+ / Wissen macht Ah / Willy will's wissen Wissenssendungen für Kinder im Grundschulalter	KiKA: Kinderserien, Kinderfilme, Spiele und Bastelideen KiKA
Motzgurke-TV Wissenssendungen für Kinder im Grundschulalter	motzgurke.tv ARD Plus Kids
Der Superhelden-Campus	Der Superhelden-Campus - Eine Ausbildung. Ein Auftrag. Ein Superheld - Mein Weg nach Deutschland - Goethe-Institut
Anton-App	Übungen - Deutsch Zweitsprache Stufe 1 und 2 (anton.app)
Tausend Kinderbücher online mit der Lylli- App	Lylli Tausende Ebooks und Hörbücher für Kinder
Kostenfreies Leseförderprogramm in 8 Sprachen	Amira - Kostenfreies Leseförderprogramm in 8 Sprachen (amira-lesen.de)
Lernportal für Deutsch als Zweitsprache	Lernrudi - Das Lernportal für Deutsch als Zweitsprache im Unterricht und zu Hause
Sprach- und Leseförderung	ONILO.DE - Lernerfolg durch Lesespaß
Deutsch mit Socke	DaZ für die Grundschule: Deutsch lernen mit Socke - planet schule (planet-schule.de)
Die Schulbibliothek der iDSB	