



What Parents Can Do to Help Reduce the 30-Million Word Gap

- Take a look at the video and materials at www.BestBeginningsAlaska.org. Watch and share the 60-second video and check out another spot on the “why” of all this at www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5BAO2o4Sqo
- Print out a Words Count picture frame from our website and showcase photos of your little one! And be on the watch for our photo/story sharing contest in April at www.facebook.com/BestBeginnings (Like us!)
- During the month of April, Words Count activities will be happening all over Alaska. You can:
 - Have daily story times, sing special songs (counting the words), play word bingo, do rare word searches, have fun telling stories with wordless books, and make your Words Count wherever your creativity takes you! (And share your ideas with friends and family.)
 - Focus on the areas Talk, Read, Sing, and Play. Think of “wordy” activities for each area or visit www.facebook.com/BestBeginnings for ideas.
 - Look at old favorites in new ways. For example, Audrey Wood’s *The Napping House* provides many synonyms for napping: sleeping, snoring, dreaming, dozing, snoozing, slumbering – a great way to expand your child’s vocabulary. What else can you do at story time?
- Share your ideas on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/BestBeginnings so others can benefit from your creativity!
- Have fun with it—opportunities abound every minute of the day!

