

## Why keep the home language?

Keeping the home language has many benefits. Development of the home language will support and promote...

- A Sense of Identity -
- Family Togetherness through shared goals and interests -
- Strong Communication Skills -
- Cultural Awareness -
- Positive Mental Health and a Sense of Wellbeing -
- Cognitive Skills Development -
- Educational Achievement -

## Using the mat...

- Remember that immersion in the language helps to foster a willingness to learn and establishes good habits with the language from the outset.
- Using the home language often is more important than trying to always use the language perfectly.
- Use the mat as a support and guide – not everything on the mat must be memorized!
- The mat is a visual reminder to use the home language often. It can be printed and displayed somewhere in the home that is easily visible – this might be on the fridge, at the child's desk, in the play area etc.

# Say 'Yes' to Lithuanian at home

## You could...

- Use it as a placemat at the family table.
- Use the mat as a stimulus when playing with your child and invent creative ways to use the language/phrases together.
- Create a fun planner for the whole family to encourage family members to use different languages at different times or for different tasks.
- Set small, manageable goals when learning the home language and use lots of positive reinforcement to build confidence and make the process fun.
- Laminate multiple copies of the mat and share them with family members.

## What can I do if my child seems disinterested?

- Most importantly, don't give up!
- Keep your responses short and clear if your child appears to be confused.
- Encourage your child to respond with phrases rather than single words where possible.
- Model enthusiasm for the home language when they use it and encourage further participation by asking them more about what they say.
- Connect with other families who speak the home language or join a community/group who speak the language together.

## How can I ensure that the whole family understands the importance of keeping the home language?

- Explain how learning the home language will benefit the whole family.
- Remind family members that multilingualism is possible and has many advantages.
- Ensure that all family members are included from the very beginning of the process.
- Encourage meaningful communication between the child and other family members in the home language.
- Introduce family members to the language at the same time as the child to develop a sense of unity.
- Make learning the home language a fun and enjoyable experience for the whole family!



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## Encourage / skatinti

Great .....	<b>Puikiai</b>
Well done / Great work .....	<b>Šauniai padirbėta! / Puikiai atlikta!</b>
Fantastic .....	<b>Fantastiškai</b>
Keep going .....	<b>Tęsk, nepasiduok.</b>
You can do it yourself .....	<b>Gali padaryti savarankiškai</b>
Try again .....	<b>Bandyk dar kartą</b>

## Greet / pasveikinti

Hello .....	<b>Labas</b>
Bye .....	<b>Viso gero / iki pasimatymo</b>
Thank you .....	<b>Ačiū.</b>
Sorry .....	<b>Atsiprašau.</b>
It doesn't matter .....	<b>Nesvarbu, viskas gerai</b>
No problem .....	<b>Nieko tokio / Jokių problemų</b>
How are you? .....	<b>Kaip sekasi / Kaip laikaisi?</b>
Good morning .....	<b>Labas rytas</b>
Good night .....	<b>Labanaktis</b>
What did you do today? .....	<b>Ką šiandien veikei?</b>

## Play / žaisti

Let us play / sing / read .....	<b>Pažaiskime / Padainuokime / Paskaitykime</b>
Your / my / whose turn .....	<b>Kieno eilė? (tavo/mano eilė)</b>
Are you ready? .....	<b>Ar pasiruošęs?</b>
Follow me .....	<b>Sek paskui mane / Daryk kaip aš</b>
Look here / there .....	<b>Žiūrėk čia.</b>
Listen .....	<b>Klausyk.</b>

## Instruct / apmokyti

Open / Close .....	<b>Atidaryk / Uždaryk</b>
You have X minutes .....	<b>Turi X minučių</b>
Time is up .....	<b>Laikas baigėsi</b>
Let us do it together .....	<b>Pamėginkime kartu</b>
Let us brush your teeth / wash your face .....	<b>Prašau išsivalyti dantis / Nusiprausti veidą</b>
Listen to me .....	<b>Paklausyk</b>
Be careful .....	<b>Būk atsargus / Atsargiai</b>
Let us take a break .....	<b>Padarykime pertraukėlę.</b>
In Lithuanian please .....	<b>Pasakyk lietuviškai</b>
Where is your toy/dress/book? .....	<b>Kur yra tavo žaislas / suknelė / knyga?</b>
Which one do you like/prefer? .....	<b>Ką tu renkiesi?</b>



## Respond / reaguoti

Okay .....	<b>Gerai.</b>
I (don't) want to .....	<b>Nenoriu.</b>
I understand now / .....	<b>Dabar suprantu / nesuprantu</b>
I don't understand .....	<b>nesuprantu</b>
I am hungry / thirsty .....	<b>Aš alkanas / ištroškęs</b>
I need to pee/poo/go to the toilet .....	<b>Noriu į tualetą / noriu sisu/kaku</b>
I feel sick .....	<b>Blogai jaučiuosi</b>
I am finished .....	<b>Aš baigiau</b>
I am not finished .....	<b>Aš nebaigiau</b>
What should I do? .....	<b>Ką turėčiau padaryti?</b>
I can do it myself .....	<b>Aš galiu tai padaryti pats / pati</b>
Can you help me? .....	<b>Ar galite / gali man padėti?</b>
How do you say ... in Lithuanian? .....	<b>Kaip pasakyti lietuviškai..?</b>
I (don't) like this one / that one .....	<b>Man nepatinka tas/anas</b>
Can I ...? .....	<b>Man (ne) patinka tai / šis / šitas</b>