

## 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 memorised!
- 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 Romanian 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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## Encouragements / Încurajări

Great .....	<b>Excelent</b>
Well done / Great work .....	<b>Foarte bine</b>
Fantastic .....	<b>Fantastic</b>
Keep going .....	<b>Continuă</b>
You can do it yourself .....	<b>O poți face singur!</b>
Try again .....	<b>Încearcă din nou</b>

## Greetings / Salutări

Hello .....	<b>Salut</b>
Bye .....	<b>La revedere</b>
Thank you .....	<b>Mulțumesc</b>
Sorry .....	<b>Îmi pare rău / Scuză-mă</b>
It doesn't matter .....	<b>Nu contează</b>
No problem .....	<b>Nicio problemă</b>
How are you? .....	<b>Cum ești? / Ce faci? / Cum sunteți? Ce faceți?</b>
Good morning .....	<b>Bună dimineața</b>
Good night .....	<b>Noapte bună</b>
What did you do today? .....	<b>Ce ai făcut astăzi? / Ce ați făcut astăzi?</b>

## Playtime / Joacă-te

Let us play / sing / read .....	<b>Să ne jucăm / cântăm / citim</b>
Your / my / whose turn .....	<b>Al tău / al meu / al cui e rândul (Tu/eu/cine urmează)</b>
Are you ready? .....	<b>Ești gata? / Sunteți gata?</b>
Follow me .....	<b>Urmează-mă</b>
Look here / there .....	<b>Privește aici / acolo</b>
Listen .....	<b>Ascultă</b>

## Instructions / Instrucțiuni

Open / Close .....	<b>Deschide / Închide</b>
You have X minutes .....	<b>Ai X minute / Aveți X minute</b>
Time is up .....	<b>Timpul a expirat</b>
Let's do it together .....	<b>Hai să facem împreună</b>
Let's brush your teeth / wash your face .....	<b>Hai să ne spălăm pe dinți / pe față</b>
Listen to me .....	<b>Ascultă-mă</b>
Be careful .....	<b>Fii atent</b>
Let's take a break .....	<b>Să luăm o pauză</b>
In Romanian please .....	<b>În română te rog / vă rog</b>
Where is your toy/dress/book? .....	<b>Unde este jucăria ta / rochia ta/cartea ta...?</b>
Which one do you like/prefer? .....	<b>Care îți place? / Pe care o preferi?</b>

## Responses / Răspunsuri

Okay .....	<b>Bine</b>
I (don't) want to .....	<b>Eu (nu) vreau să...</b>
I understand now / .....	<b>Eu înțeleg acum /</b>
I don't understand .....	<b>Eu nu înțeleg</b>
I am hungry / thirsty .....	<b>Mi-e foame / sete</b>
I need to pee/poo/go to the toilet .....	<b>Trebuie să fac pișu / caca / să merg la toaletă</b>
I feel sick .....	<b>Mă simt rău</b>
I am finished .....	<b>Am terminat</b>
I am not finished .....	<b>Nu am terminat</b>
What should I do? .....	<b>Ce ar trebui să fac?</b>
I can do it myself .....	<b>Pot face eu</b>
Can you help me? .....	<b>Poți să mă ajuți?</b>
How do you say ... in Romanian? .....	<b>Cum se spune ... în română?</b>
I (don't) like this one / that one .....	<b>(Nu) îmi place asta / aceea</b>
Can I ...? .....	<b>Pot să ...?</b>