



PROMOTING ORACY

The Richard Crosse Primary School

A Guide for Parents & Carers

What is Oracy?

Oracy is the ability to articulate ideas, develop understanding, and engage with others through spoken language.

In school, it's about learning *to talk* and learning *through* talk. It's as important as reading and writing.

- **Physical:** Voice and body language.
- **Linguistic:** Vocabulary and structure.
- **Cognitive:** Content and reasoning.
- **Social:** Turn-taking and listening.



Oracy at Richard Crosse



Discussion

We use class debates and "Talk Partners" to encourage students to express their opinions respectfully.



Presenting

Students have regular opportunities to present their work to peers, building confidence and clarity.



Active Listening

We teach that listening is an active skill. Students learn to build on or challenge others' ideas constructively.

Why it Matters



Strong oracy skills lead to:

- ✓ Increased academic achievement across all subjects.
- ✓ Improved self-confidence and well-being.
- ✓ Better social relationships and empathy.
- ✓ Essential skills for future careers and life.

"Talk is the foundation of learning."



Promoting Oracy at Home

Simple changes to daily routines can make a huge
difference.

Activity 1: The Dinner Table



Make Mealtime "Talk Time"

Turn off the TV and put phones away. Use open-ended questions to spark conversation:

- "What was the funniest thing that happened today?"
- "If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?"
- "Tell me something new you learned."

Activity 2: Book Talk

Read Together & Discuss

Reading isn't just about the words on the page. Pause and discuss the story.

- **Predict:** "What do you think will happen next?"
- **Empathize:** "How do you think that character feels?"
- **Review:** "What was your favorite part and why?"



Activity 3: Fun Word Games



I Spy

Use descriptive language. "I spy something that is smooth, round, and red." Encourages vocabulary use.



20 Questions

One person thinks of an object, others ask yes/no questions to guess it. Great for logical thinking.



Word Association

Start with a word (e.g., "Dog"). Next person says a related word ("Bone"). Keep the chain going!

Useful Resources



For more information on how to support your child's speaking and listening skills, visit:

- ✓ **Voice 21:** The national charity for oracy in education. <https://voice21.org/>
- ✓ **National Literacy Trust:** <https://literacytrust.org.uk/policy-and-campaigns/oracy-report/>
- ✓ **Talking Point:** <https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/>