



Hello to all parents of We Can! students.

I've been teaching English to children for many years and I've noticed one thing in particular: The more positive and supportive parents are about English study, the more progress their children make, and the better their attitude to learning the language is.

Here are some tips picked up over years of observation on how you can best support our young English learners.

- The *We Can!* series has great richness and depth of content for the skill of listening. Encourage your children by listening to the homework CD with them, especially when they are quite young. If you sing, chant, and repeat after the CD, along with your children, it is extremely motivating for them. Even if you are not a strong English speaker, just sitting with them, listening, and giving your full support can make all the difference in terms of their progress.
- Play their favorite games and activities from the textbooks together.
- Listen and watch what your children do. For example, when they are acting out the talks, you can say "We can!" together at the end. This will really boost their confidence.
- Ask which goals your children have achieved and praise and encourage them. Remember, goals are not tests: there's no passing or failing. Each individual goal achieved is a language milestone that children can be proud of.

Yes, WE CAN! That's the spirit! Keep motivating your children until they reach that final goal, Goal 384! There's no magic in it - once your children get there, they will be speaking English.

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