Let's Teach first

What comes **FIRST**?

The word **FIRST** indicates an order of something, specifically the beginning. Children start using the word **FIRST** by 5-6 years of age. You can start teaching the word **FIRST** by talking about the steps involved in everyday things, like making dinner or fixing an item. "**FIRST**, we need to…"

FIND

Find the word in the vocabulary. FIRST is an adjective.
If you can't find FIRST, use the Word Finder feature to learn where it is. If it is not in the vocabulary, you may want to add it.

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INTRODUCE

Use **FIRST** in context and try to explain it at the learner's level. Modeling, touching the word in the vocabulary as you say it, may help. Here's an example: "**FIRST** is the beginning of something. When you are **FIRST** in line, you are at the front."

MODEL

Model the word throughout the day, touching **FIRST** in the vocabulary anytime you say it.
"He is **FIRST** in line."
"Who should go **FIRST**?"
"That's the **FIRST** one." "You go **FIRST**."
"**FIRST**, we need to put our shoes on."

ENCOURAGE

Create activities to provide lots of models and practice with **FIRST**.

Book: Me **FIRST** by Helen Lester
Game: Pick a new person to go **FIRST** each time.
Activity: Have a race. Who was **FIRST**?

EXPECT

Create opportunities for the learner to say the word. Make sure to wait and look at them so they know it is expected.

When playing a game, encourage your child to say if they want to "go **FIRST**." Tell a story in order, start with the word **FIRST**.
"**FIRST**, we went to the zoo."

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