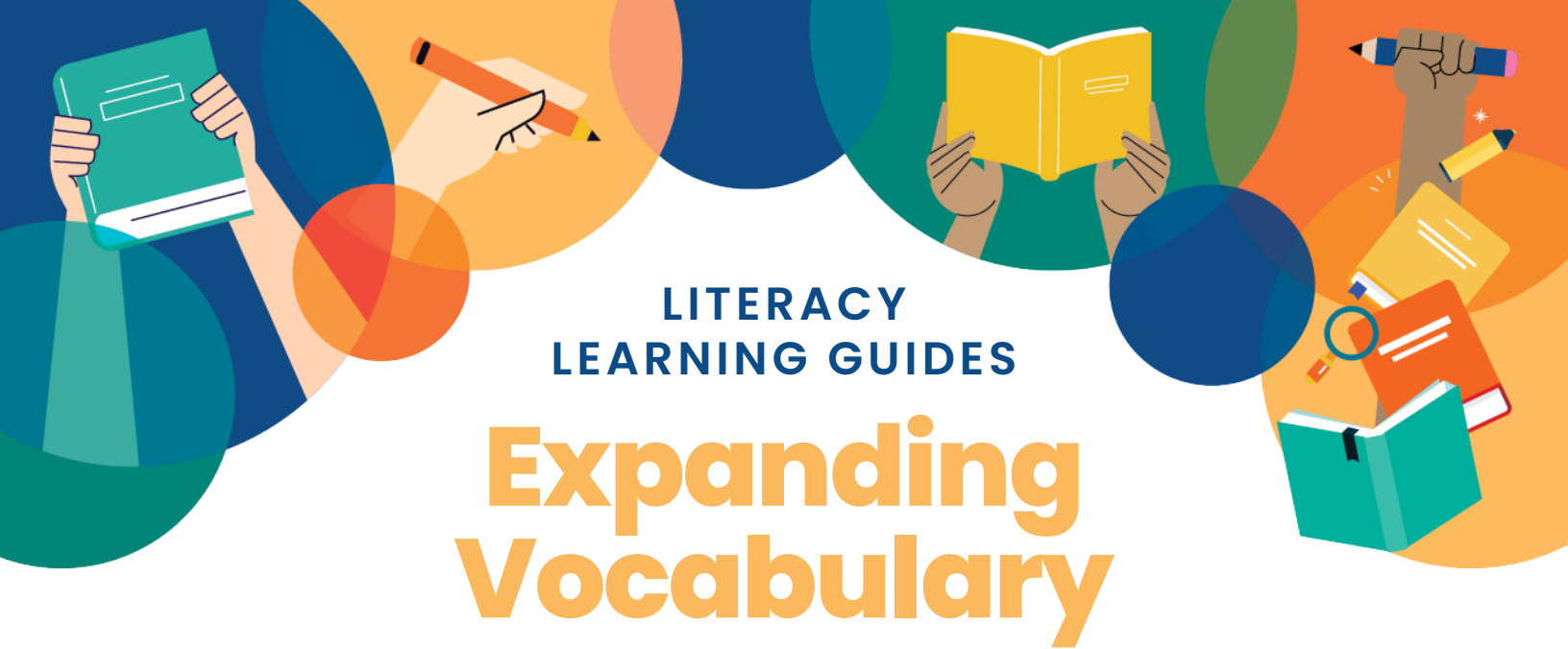




LITERACY LEARNING GUIDES

Expanding Vocabulary

Use precise words every day

USE SPECIFIC & EXACT WORDS:

Eliminate vague and general words from everyday conversations. Challenge your child to speak more precisely when expressing ideas or asking permission. Instead of “Mom, where’s my stuff?” encourage, “Mom, where’s my black gym bag?”



4-FINGER RUBRIC: Expand the “everyday” words of your child. Point out less familiar words you come across in daily life. Ask your child to identify the level of prior knowledge he has with the word.

Have you ever heard this word before?

- 4** *I know this word. It means...*
- 3** *I think I know. It has to do with...*
- 2** *I have heard this word before.*
- 1** *This is a word?*