

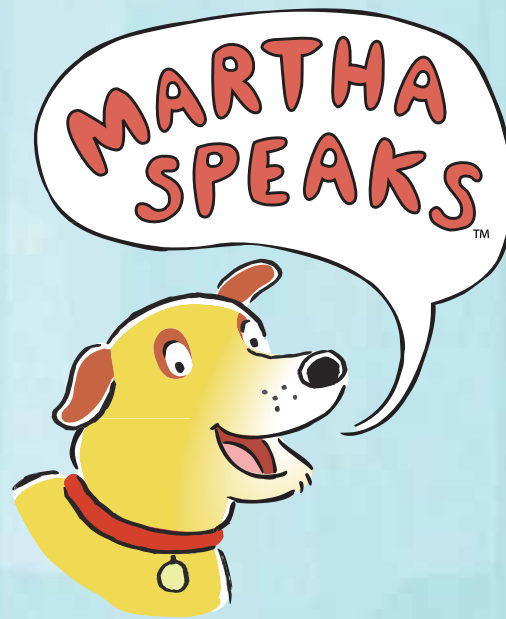
This dog has something to say!

What if your dog (or cat or gerbil) could talk? When Martha ate a bowl of alphabet soup, the alphabet letters went to her brain instead of her stomach. Martha began to speak!

Based on the books by Susan Meddaugh, now Martha is starring in her very own television series. Each story uses new words that kids will love to learn.

www.pbskids.org/martha

Play fun word games with your child on the **MARTHA SPEAKS** Web site. Look for book lists, activities, and more in the Parents and Teachers section.



Put your fingers through the holes to play with the Martha and Skits puppets!



Meet Martha—a talking dog and the star of a new PBS KIDS television show!



MARTHA SPEAKS™

Children learn new words as they laugh at the adventures of Martha and her friends.



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You Can Help

Knowing lots of words helps children become better readers and do better in school! It's easy to help your child learn new words.

Talk Together

Talk with children about their day and anything else they find interesting—dinosaurs, cookies, trains.

- Talk with your child about what you are doing at mealtime, bedtime, or anytime. Your child will notice the words you use. He or she will use them, too.
- Learning and using lots of words in their home language makes it easier for kids to learn words in English.

Read Together

Read with your child every day. It's a wonderful way to learn new words.

- Talk about the pictures and story. Ask, "What was the best part?"
- Point out new words as you read. Use new words from the book.



Sparkle, sparkle
little star...

Play Together

Help children practice using new words.

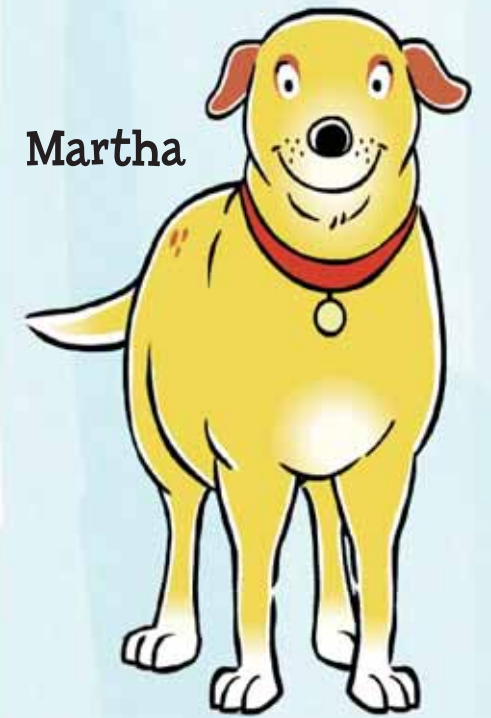
- Use toys or the Martha and Skits puppets from this booklet to make up stories. The puppets can talk to each other. Have them use some of the new words your child is learning.
- Sing a familiar tune with new words. You and your child can also make up a new song. Silly songs are fun to sing!

Watch Martha Speaks on TV

Talk about the characters, the story, and the new words.

- Ask your child, "Did you think the story was funny? Did you hear any new words? Which words did you like best?"
- Use some of the "big words" from the show when you talk with your child.

Martha



Skits

