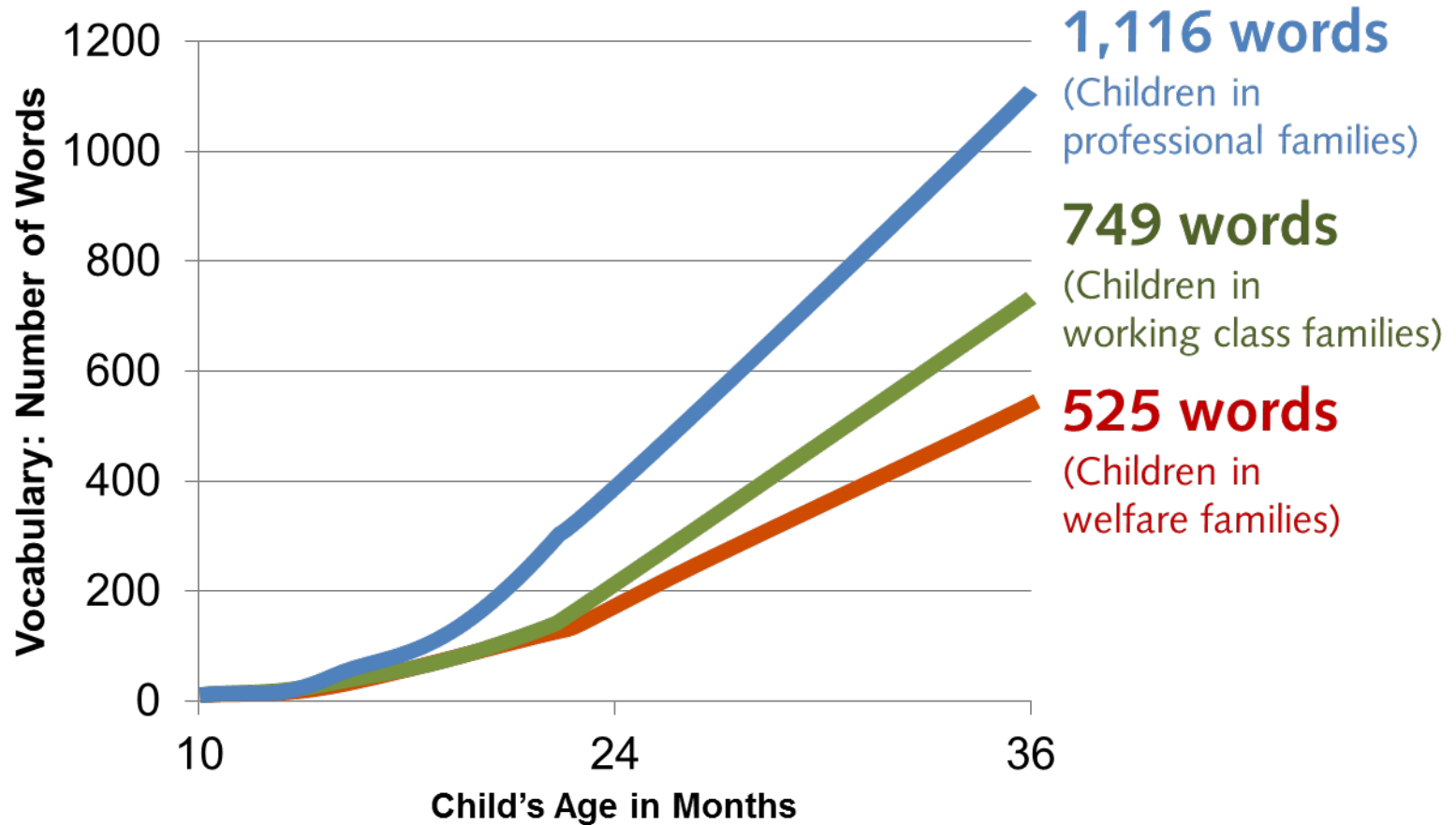


## The Achievement Gap Starts Early



Graph adapted from Hart, B. & Risley, T. R. (1995). *Meaningful Difference in the Everyday Experiences of Young Children*. Baltimore, MD: Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co. Researchers grouped children into three socioeconomic status groups based on occupation: "Professional" "Working Class" and "Welfare". Groups strongly correlated with parents education levels and family income.