

Language Activities for Home



Suggestions for Language Development

Your child can practice crucial language skills by participating in some of these quick and easy language based activities for fun:

- **Vocabulary development**- understanding and use of new words
- **Giving and following auditory directions**
- **Expression of ideas and feelings**
- **Commenting**
- **Asking and answering questions**
- **Describing actions and events**
- **Sequencing skills**- putting steps into order
- **Social skills**- turn taking, listening, eye contact, manners etc.

1. **Encourage your child to describe items with attributes.** Discuss size, shape, color, smell, taste, height, function etc.

2. **Play category games.** Have your child name as many items within categories as he/she can. Cut out pictures from old magazines and sort by category (furniture, toys, foods, clothing, colors, shapes etc.).

3. **Using cooking as a learning experience.** Discuss how ingredients feel, look, smell, taste etc. Talk about the steps involved (What comes next? What did we do first, last?). Use adjectives such as crunchy,



salty, chewy etc.

4. **Make comparisons.** Help your child to understand the differences among things (hot, hotter, hottest).

5. **When reading with your child, ask 'wh' type questions** (who, what, when, where, why). Also, encourage your child to ask you questions. Before reading the book, look at the pictures and describe what you think will happen in the story.

6. **Play a game of opposites.** For example: "If I say up, you say....DOWN!" (i.e. right/left, in/out, over/under, on/off, top/bottom, happy/sad).

7. **Play games like "Simon Says"** in order to strengthen auditory attention and following direction skills.

8. **Take a walk or a ride in the car.** Discuss and describe what you see.



9. **Cut out pictures from old magazines** and glue them into silly scenes. Glue a dog in the driver's



seat of a car! Talk about why the pictures are so silly.