

Speech and language therapy activities for home

Here is a list of activities and games which will help support your child's speech, language and communication skills at home.

Activity:	This activity supports:
	Categorisation Vocabulary
Category catch - pick a category e.g. sports, verbs, TV shows, words beginning with B. When you catch the ball, say something in the category. If you repeat or hesitate, you are out.	
	Categorisation
ABC C	Vocabulary
Alphabet categories - pick a category e.g. animals. Try to name something in the category for every letter of the alphabet	Phonological awareness
	Question formation
What am I? Put a post-it with a person or object on someone's head. They ask yes/no questions to guess what is on their head.	
	Auditory memory
	Listening skills
Bananas for dinner - First person says 'I am going to have bananas for dinner'. Each person repeats the list and adds on a food 'I am going to have bananas and cereal for dinner', then 'I am going to have bananas, cereal and peas for dinner'. If you forget, you are out.	



Audio tape + draw - Listen to an audio tape. Draw what is happening as you listen.	Receptive language - spoken
Read + draw - Read a paragraph of a book. Stop and draw what you think happened in the paragraph. Predict what will happen next. Read the next paragraph to see if your prediction was right.	Receptive language - written Prediction skills
Vocabulary book Name: Year: Vocabulary book - a variety of activities to learn new words (available on our school website)	Vocabulary
Barrier games - sit with a barrier between you and your partner. Have a picture in front of you (which your partner cannot see). Use your words to tell your partner on what to draw. Stretch yourself: use words like above, below, next to, diagonal, straight, curved.	Giving instructions Prepositions Turn taking



Clapping syllables - Look up 'multisyllabic words' online - clap the syllables	Phonological awareness
Buzz - one person says a verb e.g. run, the other person gives the past tense version as quick as possible. Verb examples: run, sit, throw, cut, phone, listen, talk, play, lie	Grammer (tense)
30 second speech - pick a topic e.g. sports, cars, food. Can you speak about your topic for 30 seconds without repetition or hesitation?	Sentence formation Talking in paragraphs
Tip - use thinking time to plan first. Draw some pictures to remind you what to say.	
1 word	Sentence formation Grammar
One word story - create a story by each person only saying one word at a time. You have to think fast and adapt your ideas as you go.	



	Word pronunciation
Tongue twisters - look up tongue twisters online. Try to say them.	
Stretch yourself: can you say them faster?	
What like? How feel?	Adjectives
Describing game - pick an object in the room. Don't tell your partner what it is. Describe the object using adjectives (what like? how feel? words). Your partner guesses the object.	