



Speech Therapy Games and Activity List

Children learn language naturally through play and active exploration. A wide variety of toys and games will encourage learning and help to develop skills in language understanding, oral expression, and social language use. The following suggestions will be helpful in choosing appropriate toys to target various language skills while keeping your child engaged. Approximate ages and skill levels have been provided to help guide your choices. Many items can be purchased at toy stores or through the catalogues and websites listed. Ask your speech therapist for help in deciding which games or toys are recommended for your child. (Compiled by Melanie Austin, MS, CCC-SLP and South Shore Therapies Staff)

Toys and Games to Develop Speech and Language Skills

Infant and Toddler

Fisher Price Laugh and Learn Shop and Learn Walker:
 Fisher Price Learning Letters Mailbox:
 Fisher Price Laugh and Learn Learning Puppy:
 Fisher Price Amazing Animals Press & Go Animal Parade:
 Fisher Price Laugh and Learn Cookie Shape Surprise:
 Playskool Explore N Grow Busy Ball Popper

Skills Promoted

colors, shapes, numbers
 letters, numbers, opposites, first words, greetings
 body parts
 cause and effect
 colors, shapes, numbers, cause and effect
 cause and effect

Early Childhood

Animal Scramble Game
 Cariboo
 Feel and Find Game
 Fisher Price Laugh and Learn Say Please Tea Set
 Fisher Price Little People Play Sets (school, farm, airport etc.)
 Hide & Seek Safari (monkey or tiger with wand)
 Kids on Stage Game
 Lego's and Lego Kits
 Let's Get Dressed Building Blocks

listening Skills, colors
 memory, categorization, language concepts, articulation
 descriptors (colors, size, shape)
 social language (requesting, turn-taking, asking questions)
 pretend play, vocabulary
 location, concepts, turn-taking
 non-verbal communication, turn-taking, role-play
 early language concepts (colors, size, top/bottom, next to, clothing/seasons vocabulary, basic concepts (top/bottom, first/last, etc)
 early language concepts (colors, size, shape)
 vocabulary, sound production, turn-taking
 body parts, clothing vocabulary, colors
 pretend play, language concepts, (size, color, shapes etc.)
 language concepts, expressive language
 categories, vocabulary
 vocabulary, categorization
 vocabulary, language concepts, articulation

Magnatiles
 Memory Game
 Mr. Potato Head
 Play dough sets
 Sequence Sandwich Shop
 Shopping Cart Dash
 S'Match
 Zingo

Pretend Play Objects by (Melissa and Doug):

Doll houses, Doll furniture, Horse/Stables Castles

pretend play

Food Sets	pretend play
Magnetic dress up play sets	pretend play
Puppets and Theater	pretend play
Role Play Sets (train engineer, chef, construction worker)	pretend play

Additional Pretend Play (targeting pretend play and functional use of objects)

Cars/ Trucks and accessories
 Doctor/ Vet Kits
 Dolls and accessories
 Doll houses
 Kitchen Set with Food
 Weebles Weebly Wobbly Tree House

School Age

Apples to Apples Kids Edition	comparing and contrasting
Context Clues Pirate Treasure	inferencing, problem- solving
Following Directions Taxi Driver	following directions
Friendship Island	social skills, language
Inference School Days	inferencing
Jeepers Peepers	word retrieval, vocabulary
Scavenger Hunt for Kids	vocabulary, word retrieval, language concepts
Smart Mouth	articulation, word retrieval
3D Labyrinth	problem solving
Too Much, Too Little, Just Right	social skills, nonverbal communication
Verbal Volley	vocabulary, word retrieval

Adolescent:

Diary of Wimpy Kid	language processing, problem solving
Dinner Games	pragmatics, expressive formulation
5 Second Rule	word retrieval, articulation
Scattogories	categorization, vocabulary
Taboo	word retrieval, memory

Computer Problem Solving Games:

-Freddi Fish Series (ages 3-8)	problem identification, providing solutions, inferencing
-Putt-Putt Series (ages 3-8)	problem identification, providing solutions, inferencing
-Spy Fox Series (ages 3-8)	problem identification, providing solutions, inferencing, abstract language
Don't Say It!	word retrieval, providing descriptors
Guess Who and Guess Where Games	providing descriptors, asking and answering questions
Hide & Seek Safari (monkey or tiger with wand)	location concepts, turn-taking
I Spy Games (board and computer)	sound production, vocabulary
Kids on Stage Game	nonverbal communication, turn-taking, role-play
Lego's and Lego Kits	early language concepts (colors, size, top/bottom next to etc.)
Mad Gab Game	auditory processing/discrimination
Magnatiles	language concepts (color, size, shape)
Mystery Garden Game	turn-taking, vocabulary/word retrieval, describing, social language
Race to the Roof Game	turn-taking, vocabulary/word retrieval, describing, social language

Books Promoting Language and Sound Development

Author and Title:

Alborough, Jez	Hide and Seek
Binkow, Howard	Howard B. Wigglebottom Learns to Listen (listening skills)
Boynnton, Sandra	Blue Hat, Green Hat-Doggies Moo, Baa, Lalala What's Wrong Little Pookie?
Brown, Lauri Krasny	How to Be A Friend: A Guide to Making Friends (friendship skills)
Burrows, Laurie	Simon's Hook (handling teasing)
Carle, Eric	Do You Want to Be My Friend? From Head to Toe The Very Hungry Caterpillar The Very Lonely Firefly
Carlson, Nancy	How to Lose All Your Friends (friendship skills)
Cook, Julia	My Mouth is a Volcano
Discovery Toys Exclusive	Plum Island (problem solving)
Dr. Seuss	Fox in Socks Hop on Pop Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You? The ABC Book There's a Wocket in My Pocket
Eastman, P.D.	Are You My Mother? Big Dog, Little Dog Red Stop! Green, Go!
Kindersley, Dorling	Copy Cat Animals Copy Cat Faces
Martin, Bill	Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see? Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do you hear?
Mayer, Mercer	I was So Mad
Miller, Margaret	Baby Faces
Most, Bernard	Cock-A-Doodle Moo! Moo-Ha Oink-Ha
Stover, JoAnn	They Didn't Use Their Heads (reasoning)

Below is a list of the catalog resources cited on this list.

Discovery Toys

(877)875-9471 www.discoverytoysinc.com

Toys are designed to target specific developmental skills. Website is separated by age and target skill.

“We believe children grow to their fullest potential when parents are involved in play. To forge this special bond each of our products is carefully conceived to deliver maximum interactivity and fun-building the foundation for future learning success and achievement.” –Discovery Toys Website

Janelle Publication (800) 888-8834 www.janellepublications.com
Creative Speech and Language materials are broken down by category/target skill. Includes games, software, and various other resources

Melissa and Doug (800) 718-5365 www.melissaanddoug.com
Excellent quality toys, puzzles, and pretend play items from infant to school-age

“From puzzles to puppets, plush to play food, magnetic activities, music and more, Melissa & Doug is one of the leading designers and manufacturers of education toys and children’s products.” –
Melissa and Doug Website

Super Duper Inc (800) 277-8737 www.superduperinc.com
Fun learning materials for children with special needs. Free shipping. Can be broken down by target skill.