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Fun summertime language activities

Fun activities to pass the time while stimulating your child's language

It's vacation time. You may find yourself spending more time with your children during the summer. Use this time to stimulate your child's language.

Here are some ideas that can be used while traveling in the car, visiting new places, on vacation or just hanging out at home with your children.

Give me a rhyme

Introduce your child to a group of rhyming words (star, car; toy, boy; cat, hat). Then say a word and ask your child to give a rhyming word. Let your child then give you a word and you produce a rhyming word.

Follow my directions

Say "Put your hand on

your knee." Gradually make the commands more complicated ("Put your hand on your knee and open your mouth.") to make it more fun and challenging.

Picture book questions

Read to your children. Sharpen their listening skills by asking questions about the story as you read. For

example, "What is the name of the horse in the story?" "Where did the boy hide the puppy?"

A listening walk

Take a walk outdoors with your child. Encourage him to listen to the sounds of the cars, rustling leaves, people talking, etc. How many sounds can your child identify?

Does your child have a hearing problem?

Answer the following questions and if you suspect that your child is having difficulty hearing, a hearing evaluation by an audiologist is recommended. If your child cannot hear all of your speech sounds, it may be difficult for him or her to imitate speech correctly.

1. Does your child appear to be aware of sound?

YES NO

2. Does your child respond to his/her name?

YES NO

3. Does your child respond to your calls when you are out of sight?

YES NO

4. Does your child turn toward sound?

YES NO

5. Does your child respond to environmental sounds (telephone, car horn, etc.)?

YES NO

6. Does your child respond to environmental noises but not to speech?

YES NO

7. Does your child have ear infections/tubes?

YES NO

8. Is your child's speech clear for his/her age level?

YES NO

9. Is there a history of hearing loss in your family?

YES NO

10. Does your child need the television louder than other family members do?

YES NO

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FROM THE MAILBOX



Dear TLC:

My son receives group speech therapy at school 2 times per week for 30 minutes. He has a severe speech and language delay and we are grateful that Medicaid will pay for the services. I am wondering if he might progress faster if he could also receive one-on-one speech therapy from a private therapist. Is this possible?

- Concerned Mom

Dear Concerned Mom,

Great question. Medicaid will pay for up to three (3) hours per week of speech therapy. If your son is receiving a total of one (1) hour of therapy at school, then it may be possible that he could also receive two (2) more hours of private speech therapy. The speech therapist would submit the goals and objectives for your son's treatment program to Medicaid for authorization for additional therapy.

- TLC

Did You Know?

Asheville Speech Associates can now provide speech therapy in Spanish.

¿Usted Sabía?

Asheville Speech Associates proporciona terapia del discurso en español ahora.

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testimonial

"Speech therapy at Asheville Speech Associates was a wonderful experience! Our 2 1/2 year old daughter blossomed under the care and guidance of her speech therapist and I received the support and education I needed to reinforce her progress at home. Very warm environment! We especially enjoyed the animal decor and the kitty-cats! I appreciated the upstairs playroom, changing station and observation room. Very caring and professional staff. We are so grateful for the top-notch services we received. Our daughter always looked forward to her appointments - that says it all! Thank you!"
- Mother of a 2 1/2 year-old who was not talking

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