

Speaking with your child in your home language(s) and sharing your culture and experiences with them helps strengthen their learning of English. Use these fun games and activities in any language to support their overall language development.



Fun with Sounds

Words are made up of sounds. Think about the different sounds that are part of words you know.

1. Pick one item around you.
2. Say that item to your child.
3. Break up the word by sounds.
4. Ask your child to tell you what sound they heard first and last.

Example: *This is a cup. The sounds are: /c/ /u/ /p/. The first sound is /c/. The last sound is /p/.*



Listening Lab

Read out loud or tell a story. Need story ideas? Pick one of these:

mystery
a story with a lesson
funny story

family story
childhood story
newspaper story

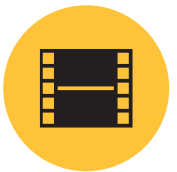
Then ask questions:

- How many _____ are there?
- What color is _____?
- What size is _____?
- What shape is _____?
- What is the story mostly about?
- What do you see in your head?

Encourage your child to answer in complete sentences.

Example:

What color is the ball? It is red.



Act It Out

1. Choose an activity from the list.
2. Have one player act it out.
3. The other players should take turns guessing the activity using complete sentences.

Example:

Are you dancing? You are dancing!



skating



dancing



eating



singing



sleeping



jumping

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Get Moving

Go outdoors with your child. Talk about the things you see. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- What are those?
- What size is it?
- What shape is it?
- What color is it?
- How many are there?
- What do you see?



Photo Booth

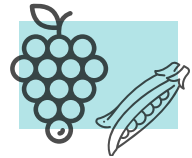
Compare two pictures: your favorite animal and your child's favorite animal. Talk about what is the same and different.

You can also compare...

places in the world



fruits & vegetables



musical instruments



plants



Art Studio

1. Get paper and coloring tools.
2. Take turns drawing things that are **red**.
3. Then ask each other about the drawings. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

What is this?

What are those?

What size is it?

What size are they?

What shape is it?

What shape are they?

Encourage your child to answer in complete sentences.

Examples:

This is an apple.

It is small.

It is round.

Next time, pick a different color.



I Spy

Pick a player to start. That player silently chooses an item that everyone can see and then gives clues that describe it. The other players should guess what the object is.

Things to describe:

color shape position location size

Examples:

I spy something on the table.

I spy something orange.

I spy something small.

I spy something round.

