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Speech Language Therapy Home Activities
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**Please feel free to email us with questions or if you would like additional resources.*

Strategies to encourage Speech for you child:

- For students working on articulation, model good speech. If your child mispronounces a sound repeat back the corrected word and ask them to say it again. Only do this one time, even if they are unable to say it correctly.
- For students in grades 3-5 who are working on articulation you can have them practice saying their sounds by reading word lists that contain their target sound as well as making sentences including those words.
- For students in grades kindergarten and 1, have your child practice singing songs and rhyming. Make rhyming into a game or read rhyming books (i.e. Dr. Seuss books)

Strategies to encourage Language for your child:

- Read to your child and have your child read to you. Talk about the pictures, characters and the story. You can have your child "act-out" the story or tell it back to you. While you are reading ask your child what they think will happen next. Ask questions about characters, etc.
- Help your child write a story with pictures.
- Model grammatically correct sentences that utilize a variety of grammar. Examples of grammar are: past tense verbs (walked, swam), plurals (shirts, mice) and conjunctions (and, or, but).
- Play games with your child that involve reasoning and conversation. (See list below)
- Work on building your child's vocabulary by labeling items, talking about functions as well as using synonyms (hat/cap) and antonyms (up/down).

- Ask your child to classify objects and make comparisons. You can have your child sort items by color, size, etc. Then ask your child to state comparisons between the different groups.
- Have your child follow multi-step (2 or more) directions. If your child is having difficulty, give directions one at time using simple words.
- Encourage your child to be an active participant in conversations by asking open-ended questions. Don't forget to model appropriate eye contact, facial/body gestures, turn-taking, and topic maintenance.
- Structure your communication with your child so that you both take balanced turns. (like ping-pong)

Games that encourage Speech and Language skills:

- Guess Who/ Guess Where
- Hedbanz
- Memory
- Go Fish
- 5 Second Rule
- Outburst
- Charades
- I Spy
- Scrabble
- Boggle

Websites:

- Speechbuddy.com This site has articulation games and other website links for educational games
- Home-speech-home.com This site has lots of language resources including vocabulary, synonyms/antonyms, following directions and social language ideas.
- Kahoot.com You can find language games including games that work on grammar here.
- freelanguagestuff.com This site is exactly what it says - lots of free language activities that you can do with your child!
- Youtube.com/discoverychannel These videos of How It's Made is great for older kids to work on sequencing, recall and wh-questions.

- [Starfall.com](https://www.starfall.com) Contains interactive games and activities for children who are learning to read
- [Education.com](https://www.education.com) There is grade level material including language activities.

Apps:

- [Epic](https://www.epic.com) This app has lots of books for your student to read.
- [Totallyterrificintexas.com](https://www.totallyterrificintexas.com) This has a list of free and paid apps that would be good for speech and language development