


Developing Speech from Single-word to Three-word Phrases created by S. McLeod

STEPS	ACTIVITIES
<p>1. Naming Vocabulary</p> <p>Aim to support the development of 20-30 single words</p> <p>Names of familiar people; names of favourite toys; names of favourite foods are great ideas to start the speech journey...</p>	<p><u>Books</u> – enjoy sharing the pictures in books- talk about what the child points to</p> <p><u>Posting Box Games</u> – using simple flashcards or pictures cut-up from catalogues, greeting cards –encourage the child to pick-up the pictures and post them in the box. Talk about the pictures – say the single words – ‘ball’</p> <p><u>Scrap Book</u> –make a scrap book from old catalogues/greeting cards. Talk about the pictures you stick in the book. Group pictures together into categories like animals, food, clothes. Use photographs of familiar people</p> <p><u>Fishing game</u>- stick pictures to the fish in the game, take turns to fish for the pictures</p> <p><u>Lotto</u>- using only a few pieces at first, enjoy matching and talking about the pictures</p> <p><u>Simple Inset puzzles</u></p> <p><u>Treasure Hunt -Object/Picture matching</u> – using pictures of everyday objects/toys, encourage the child to pick-up picture and then treasure hunt the real object</p>
<p>2. Understanding Verbs</p> <p>It is easiest to teach verbs which describe the actions that the children themselves can do. For example: eating drinking jumping climbing</p> <p>Target two or three verbs per week to target – teach directly one-to-one – then repeat during general activities where possible</p>	<p>Using motivating and engaging games, along with photographs/pictures of the targeted action words – Before a turn is taken on the game a photograph is chosen, and the action depicted mimed, named and talked about</p> <p><i>Pop-up Pirate; Bunny Jump; Crocodile dentist; Zingo; Monkey Tree; Ker-Plunk</i></p>
<p>3. Responding to ‘What are you doing?’ when given two choices jumping or eating – use mime to provide a visual cue</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mime games • Actions Songs <i>I’ve got a body</i> (see video on letsplaykidsmusic.com); <i>Punchinella Funny Fella</i> (see video songsforteaching.com) • Follow the Leader ‘Simon Says’ • Play mats – using toys to imitate the verbs
<p>4. Subject Verb – two word phrases ‘Sarah’s jumping’ ‘Sarah’s eating’ ‘Mum’s drinking’</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photograph/ Picture Velcro book – photographs of familiar people with photographs of action verbs
<p>5. Subject Verb Object sentences - three word phrases ‘Sarah’s painting a horse’ ‘Dad’s riding a horse’</p>	