Speech and Language Activities

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| Play ‘Name 3 things’. Give different categories such as Name 3 fruits, name 3 shapes, name 3 books. | Place familiar objects in a box. Have your child take one out and tell you its name and how to use it. "This is my ball. I bounce it. I play with it." | Have your child guess what you describe. Say, "We use it to sweep the floor," and have her find the broom. Say, "It is cold, sweet, and good for dessert. I like strawberry" so she can guess "ice cream." | Play the Simon Says game. Take turns to either give or listen to and follow instructions. |
| Sing simple songs, and say nursery rhymes. This helps your child learn the rhythm of speech. | Cut out pictures of favourite or familiar things. Put them into categories, like things to ride on, things to eat, and things to play with. | Help your child follow two- and three-step directions. Use words like, "Go to your room, and bring me your book." | Play I spy with my little eye game. Use colours or numbers. |
| Play Kim’s Game. Set out 5 objects on the table. Close your eyes and ask an adult to remove one object and then see if you can guess the missing object. You can ask for clues if you are stuck. | Read a book or watch a movie. Talk about the characters, setting, events and your favourite parts. | Ask your child about words that rhyme. For example, ‘What other words sound like car?’ | Storytelling – Read to or tell your child a story each day. Have fun talking about and sharing your favourite books. |