

Activities and homework to develop your child's speech and language skills: Games to help children with vocabulary and word finding difficulties

1. **Guessing game:** Take a set of pictures (this could be everyday objects or animals/food etc.) then take it in turns to describe the picture using clues- what does it look like? What do you do with it? What sound does it start with? What group does it belong to?
2. **Same and different:** Collect objects together and talk about what is the same and what is different about them e.g. a sock and a glove – they are both clothes, one goes on your hand and the other goes on your feet.
3. **Category naming:** Write different categories on a dice or spinner (food, animals, clothes, transport, school) and think of as many different things from each category that you can. Some ideas for categories: tools, games, girls' names, movies, toys, makes of car, sports, flowers.
4. **Play “name that category”:** dress, sock, trousers? Apple, orange, banana?
5. **Play “odd one out” in a category:** for example - potato, carrot, apple, or pen, pencil, phone.
6. **Play word association games:** for example - "pilot goes with..."(plane), "cab goes with..."(driver), "ship goes with..."(sailor)
7. **Word webs:** Use the word web below to help a child learn a new topic word e.g. soil – what does it look like? (brown, muddy) Where do you find it? (outside in the ground), what do you do with it? (it helps things to grow), Which group does it belong to? (nature) Which sound does it start with (s)? How many beats does it have? (one – soil).

Beginning sound

ABC



Syllables



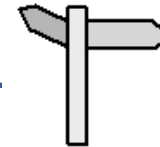
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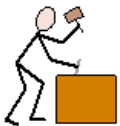
Group



Where do you find it?



What do you do with it?



What else?



Use it in a sentence



What does it look like?

