

Speech and Language Therapy

# **Beginning to Understand More Words**

## **Lesson 6 of 14 on Understanding Language**

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# Types of Early Verbs

Early action words  
include:

Actions included in their  
everyday activities and  
play

Body movements

The child understands:

The child needs to know:



# Early Words

Keep a list of the early words the child **understands**.

Children have to **understand** a word before they can begin using it.

Top tips:

1. Think about things the child **likes** to do and model verbs in those activities .



# Early Words

2. Use **multisensory** reinforcement to bring the words to life
3. **Repeat**, repeat, and repeat more! - Children need to hear new words many times.

When interacting with the child, try to use a new word consistently throughout the activity.

Use it every time you do that same activity.



# Everyday Activities to promote labelling verbs

Make every opportunity a language learning activity – Point to things, name them, comment on their actions, sing a nursery rhyme. You don't have to set aside a specific time of day to learn language; every activity is a language learning activity.

For example : Cooking/Play dough

Grab some play dough or set up a supervised cooking station with your child. Comment on what he is doing and focus on verbs:

- “Cutting the play dough”
- “Washing the plate”
- “Pouring the water”
- “Rolling the play dough”
- “We are cooking some food”

Give simple instructions and encourage him to give you instructions

- “pour the milk”
- “add the sugar”
- “cut the play dough”



# Example Word Lists

Words	Understands with visual strategies	Understands word
Eat		
Drink		
Jump		
Run		
Cry		
Dance		
Feel		
Listen		
Read		
See		
Sing		



# Example Word Lists

Words	Understands with visual strategies	Understands word
Sleep		
Swim		
Sneeze		
Taste		
Build		
Buy		
Come		
Cook		
Cut		
Go		
Kick		
Match		



# Example Word Lists

Words	Understands with visual strategies	Understands word
Show		
Throw		
Climb		
Ride		
Ask		
Stick		
Fall		
Lick		
Jump		
Laugh		
Drive		





# Understanding Language Diary

Date:

We learnt about

\_\_\_\_\_

When my adult

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I...

\_\_\_\_\_

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Insert picture

