

Beginning to Understand Words

Lesson 5 of 14 on Understanding Language

Speech and Language Therapy

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Types of Early Nouns

Nouns - Naming words

E.g.

Familiar Objects - relating
to play and everyday
activities

Familiar people

Body Parts

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 nouns in those activities.

For example, if the child enjoys the activity swimming, you could repeat nouns like “water”, “towel” and then name parts of their body or items of clothing.



Early Words

2. Use multisensory **visual** 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 nouns

Make every opportunity a language learning activity – if it's a trip to the shops, or bath-time, you can make every activity a language learning activity.

Point to things, name them, 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.



Example Word Lists

Words	Understands with visual strategies	Understands word
Animals Bird Cat Chick Cow Dog Duck Fish Monkey Pig Rabbit MORE:		



Exmaple Word Lists

Words	Understands with visual strategies	Understands word
<div><div>Dressing</div><div>Coat</div><div>Dress</div><div>Hat</div><div>Jumper</div><div>Pants</div><div>Trousers</div><div>Shoes</div><div>Socks</div><div>MORE:</div></div>		



Example Word Lists

Words	Understands with visual strategies	Understands word
Everyday Items Cup Keys Light Spoon Telephone Watch MORE:		



Example Word Lists

Words	Understands with visual strategies	Understands word
Family and People Own name Dad Mum Pet names Sibling names Grandmother Grandfather MORE:		



Example Word Lists

Words	Understands with visual strategies	Understands word
<div>Home</div> <div>Bath</div> <div>TV</div> <div>Bed</div> <div>Chair</div> <div>MORE:</div>		



Example Word Lists

Words	Understands with visual strategies	Understands word
Meals and Snacks Apple Banana Biscuit Crisps Dinner Drink Juice Milk Yoghurt MORE:		



Understanding Language Diary

Date:

We learnt about

When my adult

I...

Insert picture

