Speech and Language Therapy

Beginning to Name

Lesson 7 of 14 on Verbal Reasoning

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Types of Language - Blanks Levels of Questioning (Blank, Rose and Berlin 1978)

| Types of Question | Examples |
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| Asking the child about a function of an object (by sight) | What shall I paint with What shall I glue with Which do I need for cutting? |
| Asking the child to complete a sentence | You are eating an |
| Asking the child to put objects together (things that go together) | E.g. toothbrush and toothpaste |
| Asking the child to categorise objects (by sight) | Show me another red pencil |
| Asking the child to follow describing words (concepts) | Give me all the red blocks please Which one is big? Take 2 grapes |
| Asking the child to describe a picture | Who? What doing? Where? What happened? |



Give time! Have you given them enough time to formulate an answer? WAIT 10 seconds!! Give a sentence starter e.g. "The is" Give a clue e.g. "This is t...." or "" Give a choice e.g. "is this teddy or is this teddy?" Model and comment on what you see e.g. "Ah, I think this is teddy"



More Activity Ideas!

Skittles - Place pictures of objects on cans. Take it in turns to tell and knock down items based on:

- The function
- The description
- The category Using Blanks Language Model

Use descriptions of items in the everyday activities and modelling language.

e.g. Can I have something to cut with please?
You are eating a ...

Looking at pictures/books and using describing words

e.g.

- Who is eating?
- What are they doing?
- Where are they sitting?

