

Games and Activities to Develop Communication Skills

Guess the Object

This is a fun game for kids to practice the power of description. Cut a hole in a box that is large enough for their hands. Make sure that they understand that they're not allowed to peak into the hole. Place an object in the box. Have the child describe what the object feels like. Others playing the game can take turns guessing what the object might be. Adults can model the game allowing the children to guess to get things started.

Show and Tell

Many kids love to share at a young age, particularly if they have something they are really interested in. Devoting time for children to share things is an encouraging way for them to hone their communication skills. Encourage other children to think of questions about what their brother/sister has shared, as a way to develop active listening skills.

Picture-Telling

Have a variety of pictures for the child/children. Give each a time limit and let them describe what they see in story form. During this exercise, they are processing visual cues and utilizing their ability to speak them aloud. If there is more than one child participating, they can practice their listening skills too.

Finish-the-Nursery-Rhyme Story

Children need to be familiar with the particular nursery rhymes for this activity to be fun. Help kids imagine and express alternative endings to nursery rhymes in a fun and creative way. Have fun creating different endings. Storytelling is a rich way to practice listening and communication.