



Communication, Language, and Literacy Activity for 54 to 60 Months

Word Play

This activity encourages imagination and lots of giggling, which are two key components for any great activity! Plus, it helps children develop the association between spoken and written words.

Materials:

- Pictures cut from magazines, stickers, or stampers
- Index cards
- Markers
- Chart paper

To make:

- Create picture-word cards by gluing or drawing a picture (car, elephant, cake, heart, butterfly) on the card and writing the word with a marker underneath the picture.

What to do:

1. Give the child a card and ask her to make up a story as she uses the word in a sentence.
2. Give the child a new card and continue the story in any way the child chooses, incorporating her card. Example: "Once upon a time a butterfly landed on my hand."
3. Write the child's sentences on the chart paper using a marker.
4. Repeat until the story is complete.
5. Read the story aloud as you point to the words on the chart paper. When you read a word that's on a card, ask the child to hold up the card.

