

Growing with Language: Talking – Resources for Home Practice

Remember to expand on your child’s sentences and model new ones!

PLAY:

ACTIVITY	GRAMMAR
Scavenger hunt	in/ on/ under/ behind/beside the ____ I, you
Building with blocks	blocks in/ on/ under/ beside the ____
Cars	cars, trains, buses in the <u>garage</u> / on the road/ under the bridge
Dolls/Action Figures	dolls, babies, clothes in the crib/ on the roof/ under the chair walking, talking, eating, drinking, sleeping, changing I, you, he, she, they
Memory Games/Go Fish	found plurals (for 2 of the same picture) I, you
Obstacle Course	jumped, climbed (when talking about what your child did) in/ on/ under/ beside/ behind the ____
Crafts	traced, painted, colored drew, wrote in/ on/ under/ beside the ____ cutting, drawing, colouring

ROUTINES:

ACTIVITY	GRAMMAR
Getting dressed	socks your sister’s shirt, mommy’s shoes I, you, he, she, my, your
Meal time	cookies, cups, spoons Daddy’s bowl, Mommy’s cup on/under the table, in the sink /fridge/cupboard I, you, he, she, my, your
Cleaning	windows, beds in the recycling/ on the table/ under the bed I, you, me
Laundry	socks Mommy’s pants, daddy’s socks in the basket/ on top of the dryer
Bath time	hands, legs, arms, ears

	me, my
Brushing teeth	on the toothpaste/ in the cup/sink your, me
Walks/bike rides	in the tree/ under the leaves I, he, she, they (talk about what you see or what other people/animals are doing)
Outings (zoo, farm, apple picking)	*past tense (when talking about the experience afterwards)

BOOKS:

ACTIVITY	GRAMMAR
Goldilocks and the Three Bears ~ Any author	made, went, ate, sat, slept, broke, ran
Look and Find/I Spy books ~ Any author	Found I ____ Plurals
Paw Patrol	verb-ing (walking, finding, running, jumping) he, she, they
The Three Little Pigs ~ Any author	bought, built, blew, made, ran
Each Peach Pear Plum ~ Janet and Allan Ahlberg	__ is/are verb-ing pears, apples, bunnies, bears, birds
Madeline ~ Ludwig Bemelmans	covered, lived, brushed, smiled, frowned, loved broke, went, were, left, said, woke I, he, she, they, her
Thelma the Unicorn ~ Aaron Blabey	squealed, jumped, cleaned, ditched took, drove I, he, she, they
The Very Cranky Bear ~ Nick Bland	gnashed, stomped, chased, scratched, fetched got, ran, went bear's cave, moose's antlers, zebra's stripes, sheep's wool behind, inside, under I, he, she, they
Barnyard Dance ~ Sandra Boynton	the [animal(s)] is/are verb-ing bunnies, chickens, chicks, animals, horses dancing, swinging, twirling
Moo, Baa, La La La! ~ Sandra Boynton	pigs, dogs, cats, kittens, rhinoceroses barking, running
Dear Zoo ~ Rod Campbell	wrote, sent in the cage/box/basket I, me, they
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? ~ Bill Martin Jr. /Eric Carle	looking I, me

The Very Hungry Caterpillar ~ Eric Carle	started, stayed, nibbled, pushed came, ate, built pears, plums, strawberries, oranges he
Froggy Gets Dressed ~ Jonathan London	flopped, tugged, pulled Froggy's
I Just Forgot ~ Mercer Mayer	did not (didn't) remembered, reminded forgot, put, brought, went, found boots, cookies, toys, dishes I, he, she
Just a Mess ~ Mercer Mayer	could not (couldn't) looked, asked, cleaned, tidied, vacuumed made, put, shut, found clothes, toys, games, books, in the treehouse/closet/toy box, under the steps/bed I, he, she
Alligator Baby ~ Robert Munsch	that is a ___ that is not my baby reached, yelled, flapped, grabbed, looked, followed woke, got, went, took, saw, bit, came, heard animals, babies monkey's cage, gorilla's baby in mommy's hands/the bathtub, on the fireplace/chandelier (describe from the pictures) he, she, they, you
Mortimer ~ Robert Munsch	argued, waited went, said, sang, came he, she, they
The Paper Bag Princess ~ Robert Munsch	lived, smashed, carried, decided, looked, followed, banged, breathed, jumped, whispered, shouted, married burnt, flew dragon's cave he, she
Thomas' Snowsuit ~ Robert Munsch	jumped, picked up, tried ran Thomas's snowsuit wearing
If you give... (e.g., If You Give a Pig a Party) ~ Laura Joffe Numeroff	she is verb-ing will (she'll, you'll) verb-ing he, she, they
Fancy Nancy (e.g., Sand Castles and Sand Palaces) ~ Jane O'Connor	I, he, she
If Animals Kissed Good Night ~ Ann Whitfield Paul	the [animals] are kissing sloths, peacocks, elephants, walruses, beaks, trees, lips elephant's trunk, [animal]'s baby in the tree/water, on the grass/ice

	kissing, rubbing, smacking they
Good Night Gorilla ~ Peggy Rathmann	walked, climbed, opened, followed snuck, took, fell asleep animals, keys, cages [animal]'s cage in the cage, behind the zoo keeper, on/beside/ in front of the bed
One Duck Stuck ~ Phyllis Root	the [animals] are [verb], the duck is stuck tails, crickets, skunks, possums, blossoms swimming, munching, chirping, climbing they
We're Going on a Bear Hunt ~ Michael Rosen	we are going... we are not scared (we're) we're not scared, we can't over the __, under the __, through the ____ going, walking, running, wading we, they
Green Eggs and Ham ~ Dr. Seuss	not eggs in a house/box/car, on a train/boat I, you
There's a Wocket in My Pocket ~ Dr. Seuss	in the lamp/sink/closet/ cupboards/bottle, behind the clock, on the shelf/table/ sofa/ceiling/ toothbrush/ steps/pillow, beneath the chair
Bear Feels Sick ~ Karma Wilson	friends feels, sneezes, wheezes, mutters, fetches, kisses he, they
Big Red Barn ~ Margaret Wise Brown	lived, played, lowed, squealed, stomped went, flew animals, goats, butterflies, cows, horses, eggs in the barn/field/nest, on the barn learning, flying, leaning, sleeping
Harry the Dirty Dog ~ Gene Zion	liked, buried, played, crawled, tried, flipped, rolled, danced, walked, stopped, jumped, dashed heard, took, ran, got, slid, began, felt, sang, found dogs in the hole/bathtub, under the pillow he, they

Daily practice will help your child develop these skills. Choose a time each day when there are limited distractions or time pressures to practice one or two suggested play activities.