

Speech Therapy Games, Toys and Books List 2019-2020



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Children learn language naturally through play and active exploration. A wide variety of toys and games encourage learning and help to develop skills in understanding language, oral expression, and social language use. The following suggestions will be helpful in choosing appropriate toys to target various language skills while keeping your child engaged. Approximate ages and skill levels have been provided to help guide your choices. Many items can be purchased at toy stores or through catalogues and websites such as Amazon. Ask your speech therapist for help in deciding which games or toys are recommended for your child.

Toys & Games to Develop Speech and Language Skills

Infant/Toddler

Vtech Drop and Go Dump Truck
 Laugh & Learn Learning Kitchen
 FP Brilliant Basics Baby's First Blocks
 Laugh & Learn First Words Animal Blocks
 Little People Travel Together Airplane
 Laugh & Learn Servin' Up Fun Food Truck
 Creative Kitchen set
 Little People Swing & Share Treehouse
 Little People Caring For Animals Farm
 LP Animal Rescue
 Melissa & Doug Food Groups
 Little People Aquarium Visit
 Playskool Explore & Grow Busy Ball Popper
 Peaceable Kingdom- Where's Bear
 Seek a Boo
 LUKAT Pull Back Car Toys
 Peaceable Kingdom Monkey Around

Skills Promoted

Cause-effect, matching
 Vocabulary, pretend play
 Sorting, matching, colors, shapes
 Vocabulary, matching,
 Vocabulary, pretend play
 Creative Play, vocabulary
 Pretend play, vocabulary
 Turn-taking, pretend play
 Creative play, vocabulary,
 Vocabulary, pretend play, music
 Vocabulary
 Cause-effect, colors, vocabulary
 Colors, cause-effect
 Cause-effect, early play skills
 Vocabulary, answering questions
 Pretend play, turn-taking
 Following directions, listening

Preschool

Melissa & Doug Puzzles
Monkey Beach Preschool Game (PK)
Chugga Choo Game
Elephant's Trunk
Happy Bunny (Blue Orange)
Walk Like a Chicken
VTech Drill & Learn Toolbox
Just Like Home Talking Cash Register
Laugh & Learn Kitchen
Trucks Match-Up Game/Puzzle
Koala's Capers
Spot It Jr- Animals
Zoo on the Loose
Magnetic Building Set
Where's Mr. Wolf game (Blue Orange)
Acorn Soup (Peaceable Kingdom)
Zingo
Snug as a Bug in a Rug
Feed the Woozle
Snack Attack
Very Hungry Caterpillar Game

School-Age

Snap Circuits Jr.
Guess Who? Board Game
Dos
Spot It!
Emojinks
Word on the Street Jr.
Hedbanz
Mermaid Island (Peaceable Kingdom)
Buzz Word Jr.
5 Second Rule Jr.
Outfoxed
Zingo: Sight Words
Boggle Junior
Snap Circuits: Light
Cranium Cariboo
Apples to Apples: Big Picture
UNO Emoji
Clue Jr.
Ghost Fightin' Treasure Hunters!
Outfoxed

Skills Promoted

Vocabulary, turn-taking
Following directions, problem-solving
Turn-taking, colors, cooperative play
Vocabulary, turn-taking, matching
Turn-taking, matching
Memory, role-playing, vocabulary
Matching, pretend play, vocabulary
Counting, pretend play
Pretend play, vocabulary
Matching, turn-taking
Memory, matching, vocabulary
Vocabulary, matching, memory
Following directions, memory
Creative play, matching
Cooperative play
Vocabulary, following directions
Matching, vocabulary
Turn-taking, following directions
Language, counting
Matching
Matching, decision-making, turn-taking

Skills Promoted

Following directions, critical thinking
Asking/answering questions
Matching, turn-taking
Vocabulary, word retrieval
Attention, emotions, memory
Vocabulary, critical thinking
Vocabulary, asking/answering questions
Cooperative play
Vocabulary, describing, inferencing
Vocabulary, categories
Inferencing, memory
Literacy skills
vocab, literacy, retrieval
Following directions, attention
Attention, turn-taking, decision-making
social thinking, categories, vocabulary
Emotions, social thinking, matching
Critical thinking, turn-taking
Cooperative play, problem-solving
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Adolescent

Catch Phrase
Word A Round
Double Ditto
Pictionary
Don't Say It
Anomia
Pickles to Penguins
5 Second Rule
Blurt!
Distraction
This or That?
The Mindfulness game
Say the Word
Apples to Apples
Clue

Skills Promoted

Vocabulary, retrieval, critical thinking
Vocabulary, retrieval, concentration
Critical thinking, inferencing,
Vocabulary, inferencing, describing
Vocabulary, Inferencing
Recall, memory, vocabulary
Vocabulary, description
Vocabulary, describing, categories
Inferencing, vocabulary
Memory, recall
Asking questions, social thinking
Mindfulness, social thinking
Memory, recall, vocabulary
Social thinking, language, humor
Critical thinking, decision-making

Here are some of our favorite authors for young children:

Interactive Story Books

My Busy Books (Disney, Nickelodeon, Pixar)

Usborne

Pull-back Busy Helicopter Book
Pull-back Busy Car Book
Pull-Back Busy Train Book
Secrets of the Apple Tree (A Shine a Light story book)
Secrets of the Seashore (A Shine a Light story book)
On the Construction Site (A Shine a Light story book)
Baby's First Very Touch-Feely Farm PlayBook

Toddler/Preschool

Eric Carle Books (Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See?, etc.)
Leslie Patricelli Books (Yummy Yucky, etc.)
Jez Alborough Books (Where's My Teddy?, etc.)
Mo Willems (Don't Let The Pigeon series; Elephant and Piggy series)
Sandra Boynton (Moo Baa La La La, etc.)
Anna Dewdney (Llama Llama series)
Leslie Patricelli (The Birthday Box, etc.)

Early School-Age

Robert Munsch (Mud Puddle, Pigs, etc.)
Laura Numeroff (If You Give a Mouse series)
Jane O'Connor (Fancy Nancy series)
Mercer Mayer (Little Creature series)

Eric Litwin (Pete the Cat)
Joel Shaul (Conversation series)
Dr. Seuss
Melanie Watt (Scaredy Squirrel Makes a Friend)

School-Age Beginning Readers

Barbara Park (Junie B. Jones series)
Peggy Parish (Amelia Bedelia series)
Suzy Kline (Horrible Harry)
Dan Gutman (My Weirdest School series)
Mary Pope Osbourne (Magic Tree House series)
National Geographic Kids
Roald Dahl
Highlights Magazine
Jacqueline Woodson (The Day you Begin)
Julie Danneburg (First Day Jitters)
Julia Cook (But it's Just a Game)
Lucille Colandro (There was an Old Lady series)

Many toys can be purchased through local toy stores such as Rock, Paper, Scissors (Duxbury), The Toy Box (Hanover), Harbor Light Toy Company (Scituate), Buttonwood Books and Toys (Cohasset), and Marble the Brain Store (South Shore Plaza). Online sites such as Amazon.com carry most of these items as well.

Some local toy stores near our Norwood location that carry these products include:

The Village Toy Shop
91 Washington Street
Canton, MA 02021

Boing! Toy Shop
667 Centre Street
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

Blue Bunny Books
577 High Street
Dedham, MA 02026

Learning Express
53 Chestnut Street
Needham, MA 02492

Henry Bear's Park
208 Legacy Place
Dedham, MA 02026