

Speech and Language Therapy

Beginning to Understand More Words

Lesson 6 of 14 on Understanding Language

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Types of Early Verbs

Early action words
include:

Actions included in their
everyday activities and
play

Body movements

The child understands:

The child needs to know:



Early Words

Keep a list of the early words the child **understands**.

Children have to **understand** a word before they can begin using it.

Top tips:

1. Think about things the child **likes** to do and model verbs in those activities .



Early Words

2. Use **multisensory** reinforcement to bring the words to life
3. **Repeat**, repeat, and repeat more! - Children need to hear new words many times.

When interacting with the child, try to use a new word consistently throughout the activity.

Use it every time you do that same activity.



Everyday Activities to promote labelling verbs

Make every opportunity a language learning activity – Point to things, name them, comment on their actions, sing a nursery rhyme. You don't have to set aside a specific time of day to learn language; every activity is a language learning activity.

For example : Cooking/Play dough

Grab some play dough or set up a supervised cooking station with your child. Comment on what he is doing and focus on verbs:

- “Cutting the play dough”
- “Washing the plate”
- “Pouring the water”
- “Rolling the play dough”
- “We are cooking some food”

Give simple instructions and encourage him to give you instructions

- “pour the milk”
- “add the sugar”
- “cut the play dough”



Example Word Lists

Words	Understands with visual strategies	Understands word
Eat		
Drink		
Jump		
Run		
Cry		
Dance		
Feel		
Listen		
Read		
See		
Sing		



Example Word Lists

Words	Understands with visual strategies	Understands word
Sleep		
Swim		
Sneeze		
Taste		
Build		
Buy		
Come		
Cook		
Cut		
Go		
Kick		
Match		



Example Word Lists

Words	Understands with visual strategies	Understands word
Show		
Throw		
Climb		
Ride		
Ask		
Stick		
Fall		
Lick		
Jump		
Laugh		
Drive		



Understanding Language Diary

Date:

We learnt about

When my adult

I...

Insert picture

