

Speech Activities for Home

1. Have your child make a list (written/oral) of all the things he can find in the house that have his target sound in the word. How many things are in the kitchen? Bedroom? Garage? To make this challenging, give your child a time limit. See how many things he can identify in one or two minutes. Make it a competition. Can your child find more items than Mom? Dad? Sister?
2. Play *I'm Thinking Of* games or *Twenty Questions*. Choose an object located in your house, backyard or neighborhood, or use a relative's name that has your child's target sound(s) in the word.
3. Have your child keep a daily log of how many words he finds that contain his target sound. Your child could pick one television show to watch and write down the words he hears that have his sound. Another option would be to have your child count the number of words he hears. You could count the words alongside your child and see if your numbers match. The log could also be for words read in books, magazines, comic books, etc.
4. See if your child can "catch" you saying the target sound in error.
5. Play *Scattergories* with the target sound. For example, list as many animals as you and your child can think of that begin or end with the target sound (rabbit, deer; lion, camel; snake, horse). Use all sorts of categories (TV shows, sport teams, foods).
6. Have your child cut out pictures from magazines or newspapers that represent a word with the target sound. Make a scrapbook or a collage with the pictures. Individual words can be cut out as well.
7. Have your child take note of the number of words in his homework that have the target sound in them.
8. As you read material out loud (such as a story, paragraph, comic strip), stop when you come to a word that has your child's target sound in it and ask your child to supply the missing word. This activity can also be done with favorite songs, nursery rhymes, poems or multiplication tables.