

Speech and Language Therapy Activities Expressive Language



Developing use of 3 words together

Aim of these activities:

The aim of this programme is for your child to describe pictures using 3 words together, for example, 'man eating apple'. Don't worry about them saying smaller words such as 'the', 'is', 'on' etc.

How can you help?

The following tips can help develop your child's ability to say three words together:

- Expand on what your child has just said.

e.g. Child: 'eating cake'

You: 'Yes, **dolly** eating cake'.

- Ask your child questions about what is happening during play.

e.g. You: 'What's dolly doing?'

Child: 'dolly eating cake?'

Activities to try:

What you will need:

- 3 different coloured bricks
- Action pictures (have a look in catalogues, magazines, books and on the computer)

What to do:

Cut up the pictures and put one in front of your child. You are aiming for your child to describe the picture using 3 words that can be represented by each brick.



Use specific **questions** to elicit each element:

BRICK 1: **WHO** is in the picture?

BRICK 2: **WHAT** is the person doing?

BRICK 3: **WHAT** are they performing the action on?

As they answer each question, put a brick down.

If your child does not answer the question, try giving them a choice. For example, "Is it a **man** or a **lady**?"

Who?



What doing?



What?

