



SWINDON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY DEPARTMENT

Always make sure your child's Speech Therapist has asked you to practice. Check which sounds to practice and which level of difficulty

Production of Sound in real words using sentences

AIM: To say words with the sound(s) at the start/middle/end of the word in a sentence (e.g. Mummy drives the car really fast; I go shopping in the car).

ADVICE: Positive feedback/praise is really important for all attempts (e.g. good try, almost there, that was a great 's').

When the child makes the wrong sound:

- Adult should prompt child to have another try - ensure this is as light-hearted as possible. e.g. 'oops, that was (*say sound*), have another try'.
- Say 'did you mean to say that sound?'
- Model correct sound back e.g. 'let's have another go at... (*say sound*).

If the child finds this really difficult, move back to single words

METHOD: Game to practice using target words in sentences:

Game: Silly Sentences

Turn the pictures upside down on the table. Take two pictures and make the silliest sentence to include both words.

Game: Making Sentences

Use any of the games in stage 4, but each time the child selects a picture, they must give a sentence with the word in.

Game: I went shopping...

All the pictures must be face down on the table. Take in turns to pick up a picture and say 'I went and shopping and I bought...'. Say the name of the thing in your picture and also the things in the pictures other people have selected. The task also tests your memory! If it's easier, lay out all the pictures in order. A variation is not to use pictures, but see if each person can think of their own ideas. The funnier the better!

Game: I spy

Lay all the pictures out so you can all see them. Take turns to think about one picture (but don't tell the other people!) Say 'I spy with my little eye, something beginning with 'k' (or whatever the target is e.g. ending in 'f', beginning with 'd' etc.). The other person then has to guess the picture you have chosen. The guesser must answer using a sentence e.g. 'Are you thinking of a car?'

Game: Birthday presents

All the pictures must be face down on the table. Take in turns to pick up a picture and say 'For my birthday I had...'. Say the name of the thing in your picture and also the things in the pictures other people have selected. The task also tests your memory! If it's easier, lay out all the pictures in order. A variation is not to use pictures, but see if each person can think of their own ideas. The funnier the better!

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Game: 30 seconds!

Put all the pictures face-down on the table. Take turns to select a picture and talk about it for 30 seconds (use a timer – one with an alarm at the end of the 30 seconds is best!).